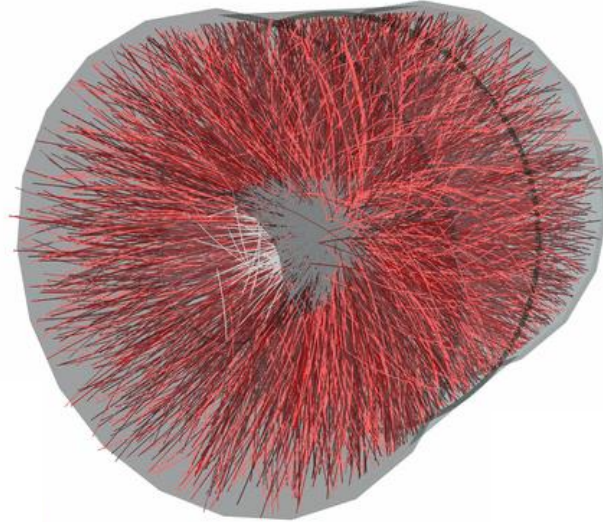


# *Physics with relativistic heavy-ion collisions*

(ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, HADES, LHCb, PHENIX, STAR)



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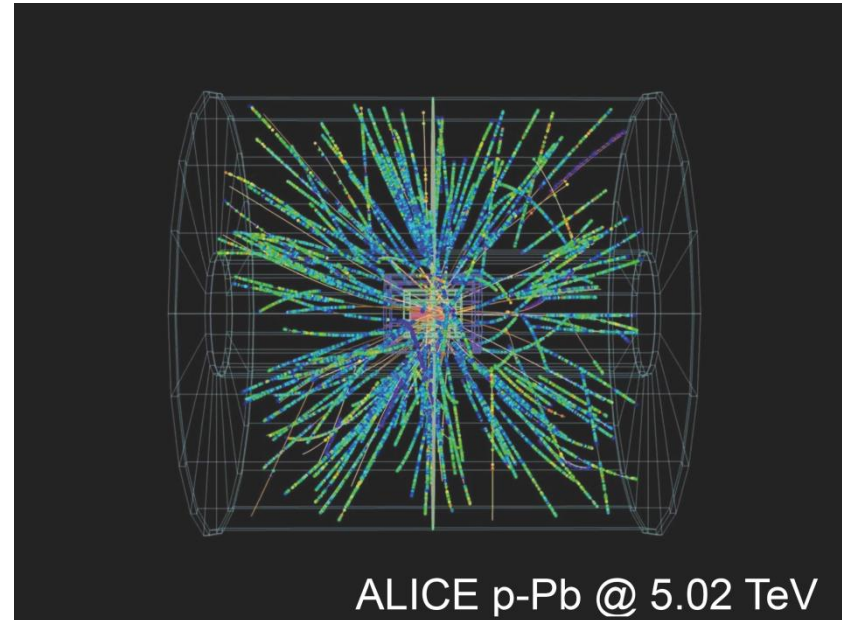
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- **High  $p_T$  and jets**
- **Heavy flavour and electroweak bosons**
- **Search for exotic objects**

# AA and pA/dA

- Trying to summarise the physics done in the relativistic heavy-ion community in a talk of 30 minutes itself seems difficult
  - Choosing mainly topics of the field which might be interesting for the high-energy cosmic ray community is still quite challenging
- Mainly focus here on recent results in p-Pb/d-Au collisions since it seems to have the largest overlap with the heavy-ion and the high-energy cosmic ray communities

# Why do we investigate p-Pb collisions?

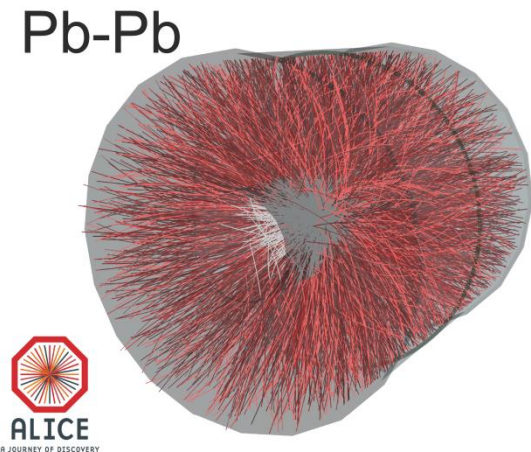
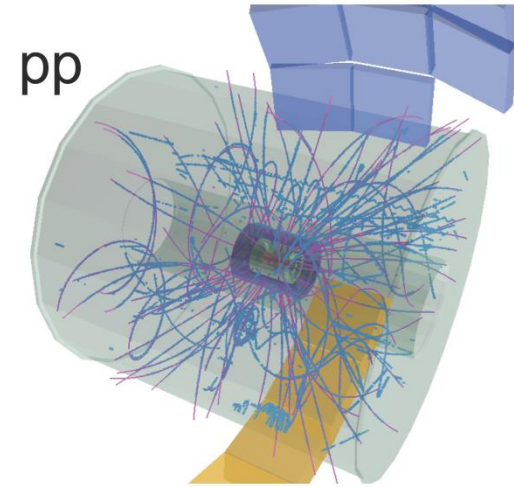
- Traditional idea: reference for Pb-Pb collisions in order to investigate *cold nuclear matter (initial state) effects*.
- However, the data turned out to be very interesting in itself:
  - Do we observe *collective effects* in a small system such as p-Pb collisions? Is there *hot matter* in local thermal equilibrium created?
  - Do we observe an *enhancement* of high- $p_T$  particles with respect to pp collisions while we see a *suppression* in Pb-Pb collisions?
  - What can we learn from heavy flavour and electroweak bosons?



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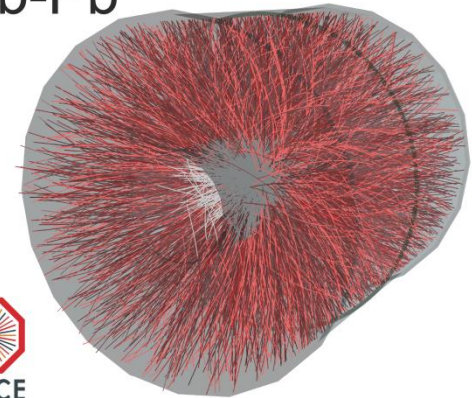
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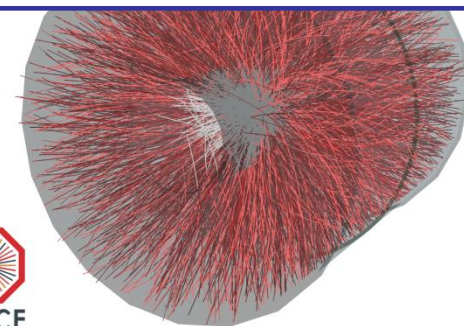
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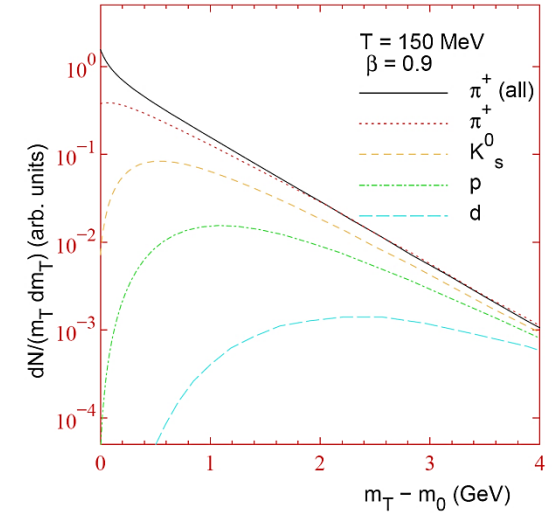
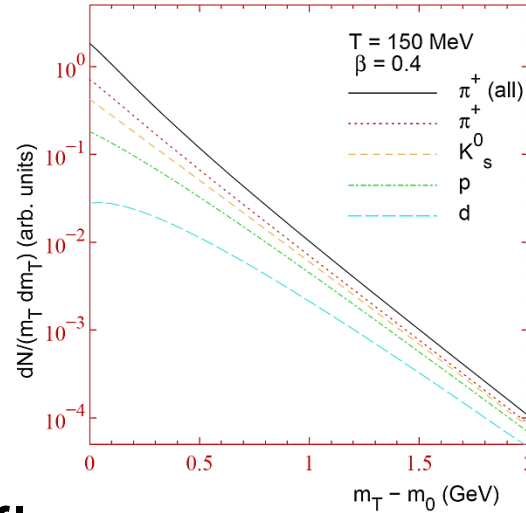
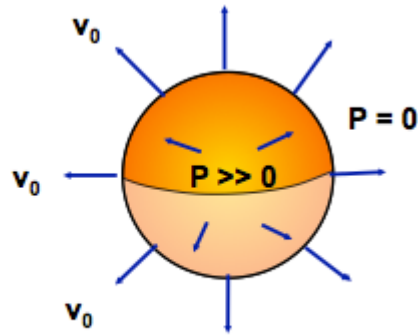
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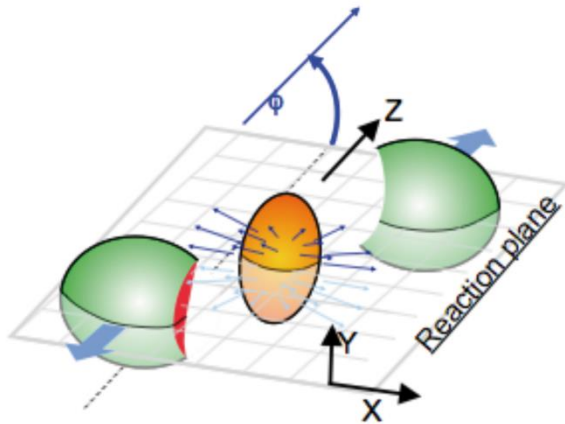


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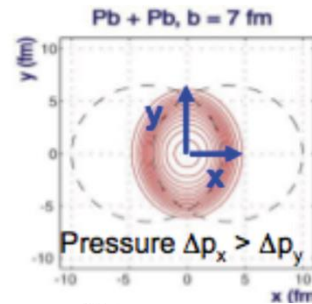
Isotropic (**radial**) flow



Anisotropic (**elliptic**) flow

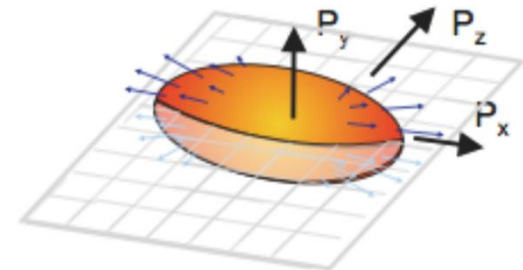


Azimuthal ( $\varphi$ )  
pressure gradients



[hep-ph/0407360]

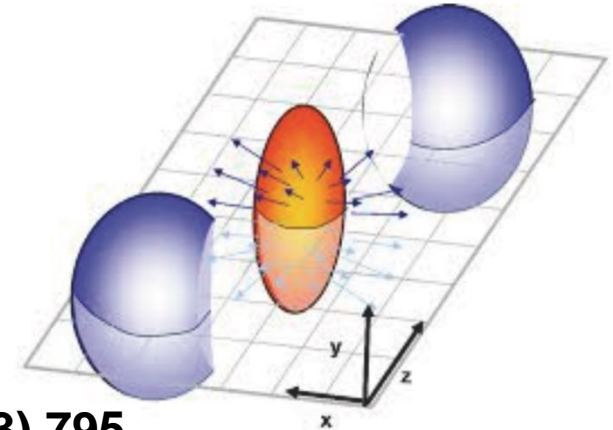
Anisotropic particle density



$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + 2v_1 \cos[\varphi - \Psi_1] + 2v_2 \cos[2(\varphi - \Psi_2)] + 2v_3 \cos[3(\varphi - \Psi_3)] + \dots$$

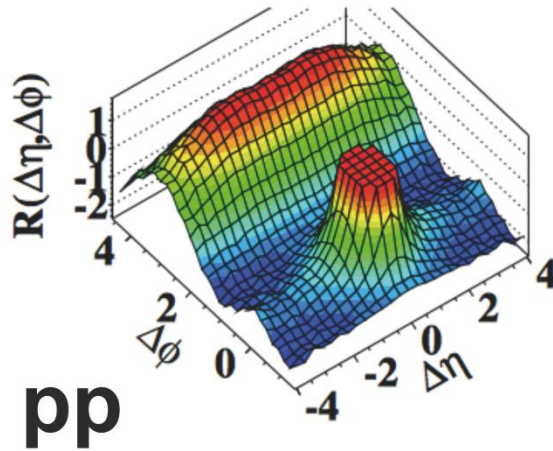
# Angular correlations and double ridge (1)

- Di-hadron correlations study anisotropies in the particle production on event-by-event basis.
- In Pb-Pb collisions, they are associated with elliptic flow resulting from the hydrodynamical expansion of the system and the initial collision geometry.



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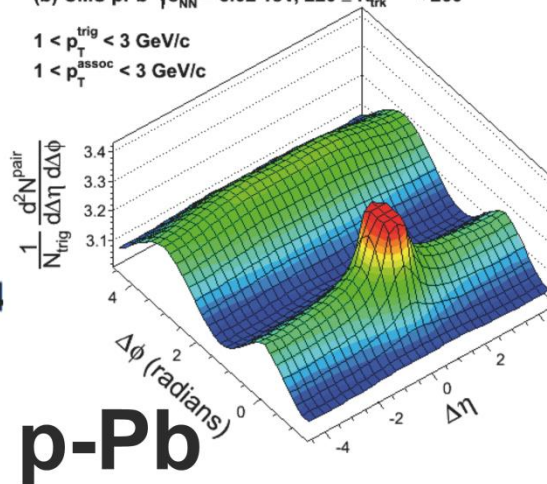
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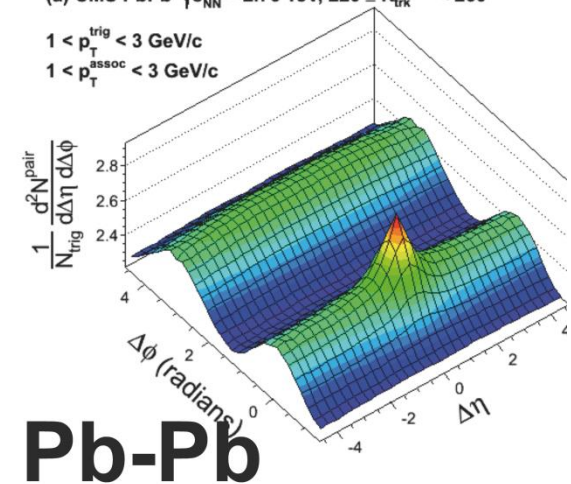
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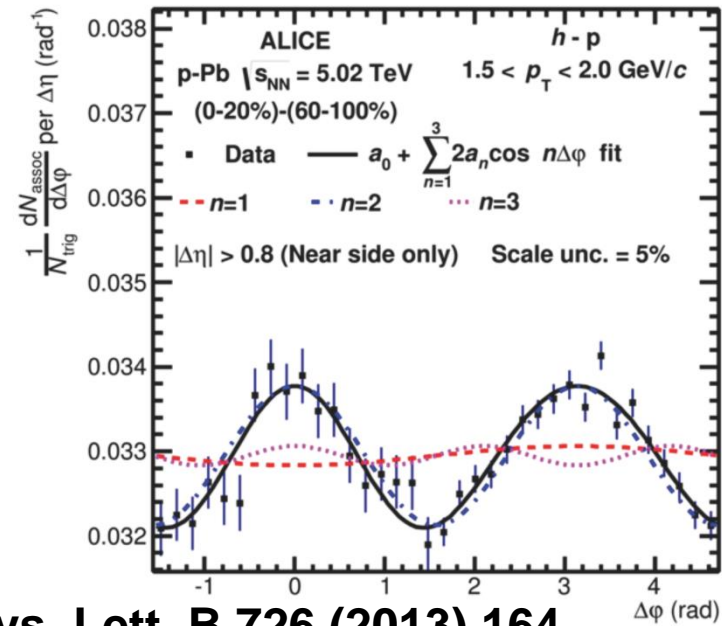
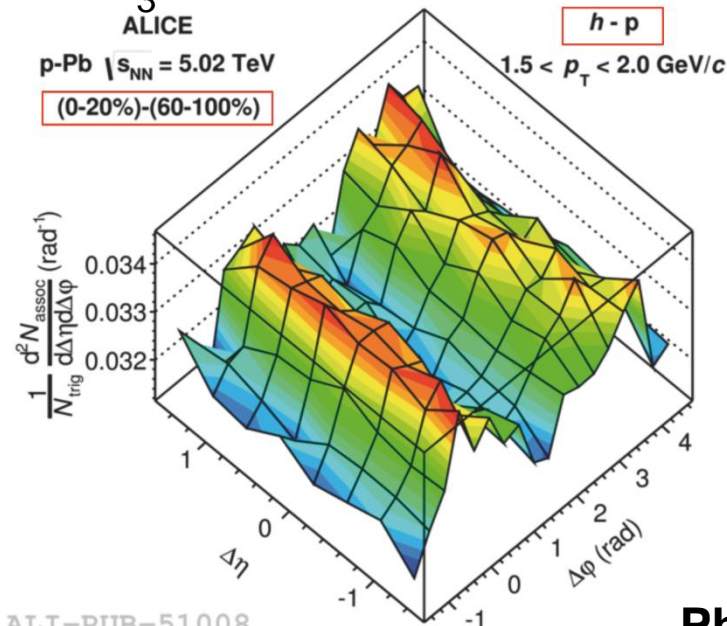
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# Angular correlations and double ridge (2)

- Triggered further measurements from ATLAS, CMS, ALICE...
- From the high-multiplicity yield subtract the jet yield obtained in low-multiplicity events (no ridge) → double ridge.
- Correlations of non-identified and also identified particles.
- Azimuthal projection is decomposed into Fourier components:  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  dominant



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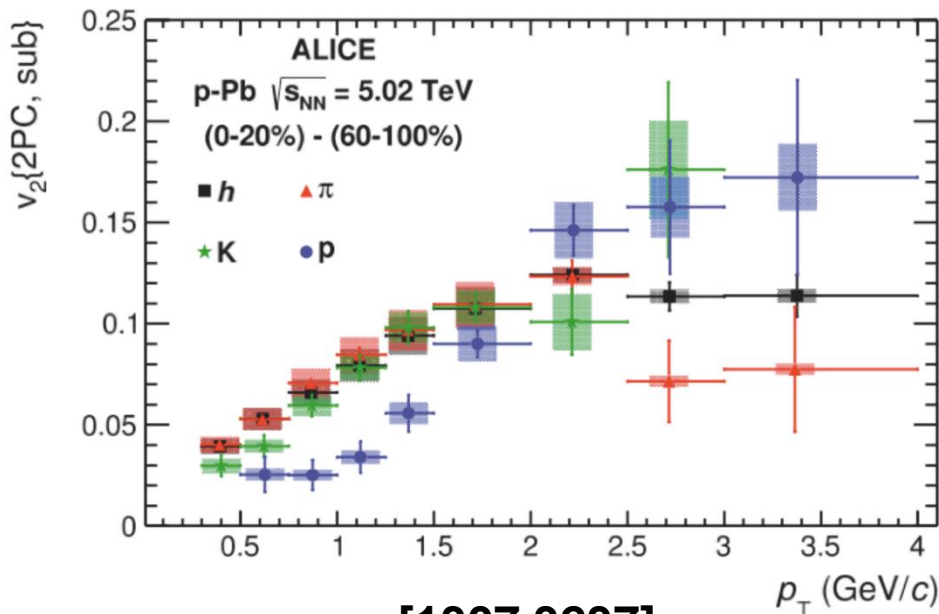
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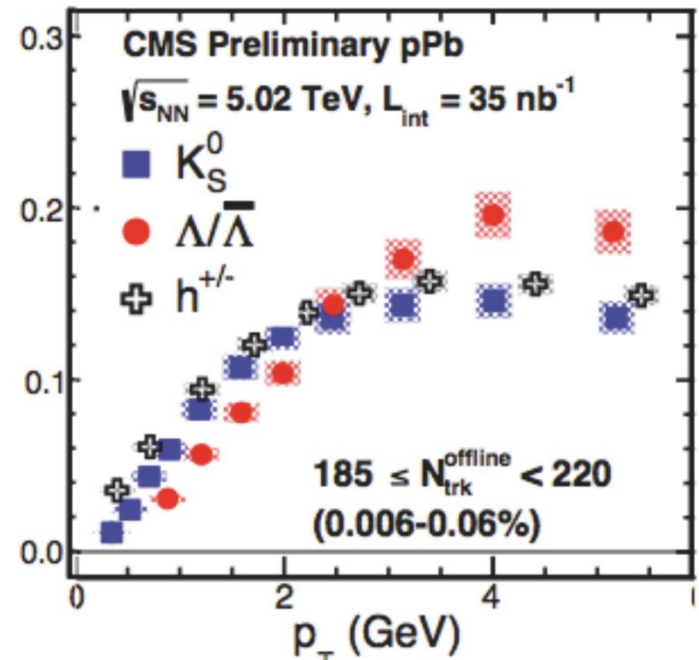
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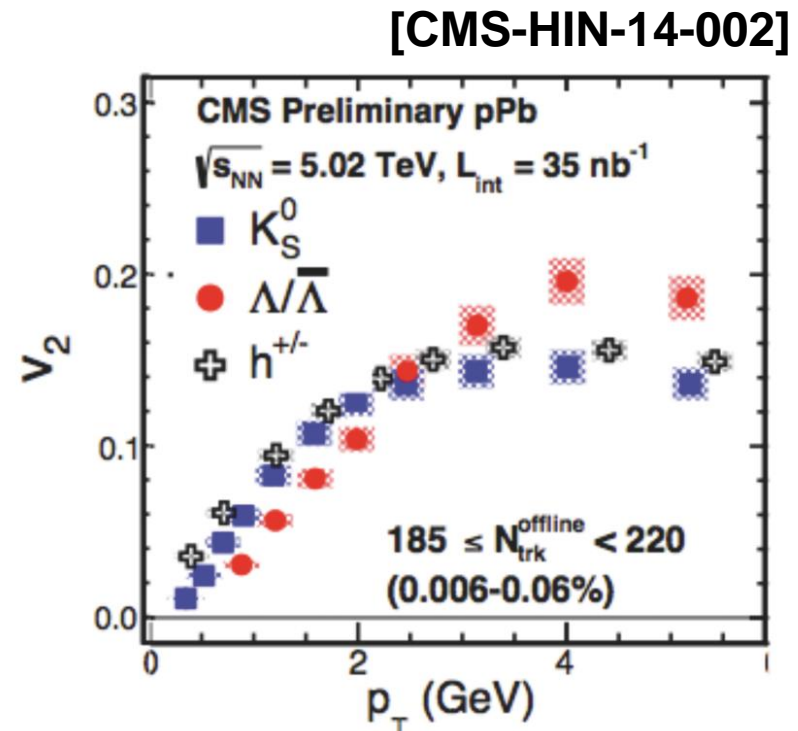
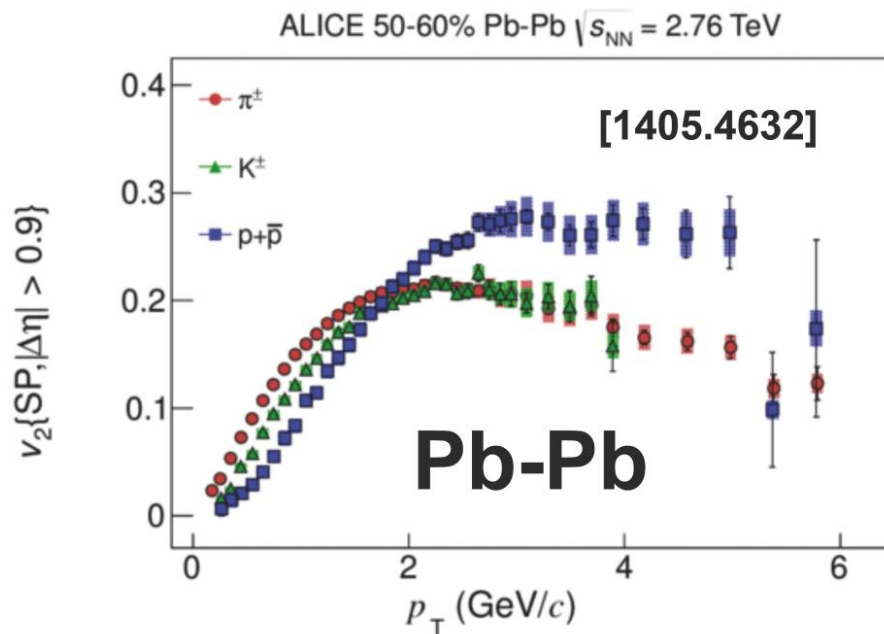
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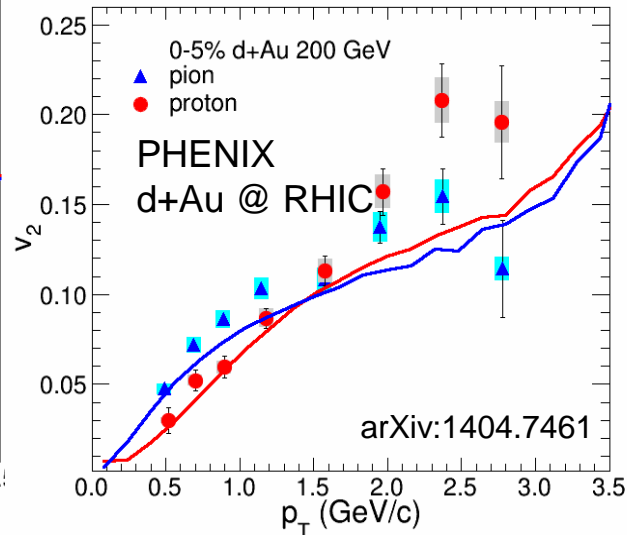
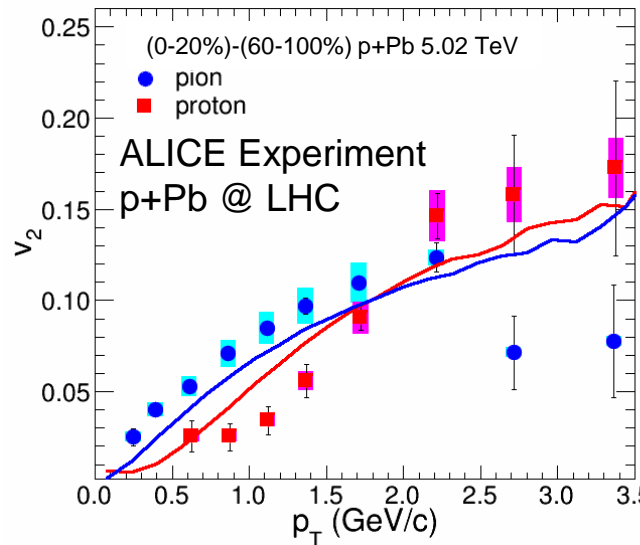
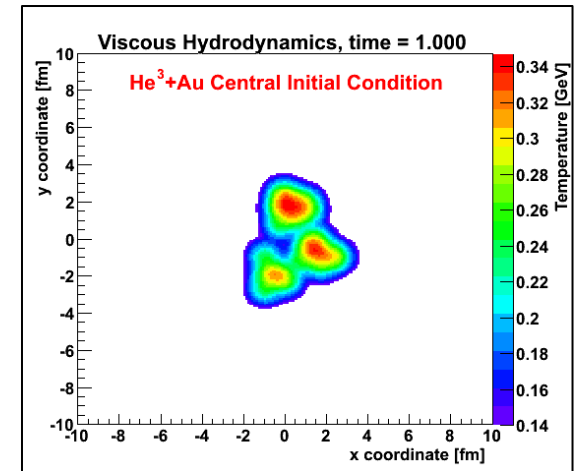
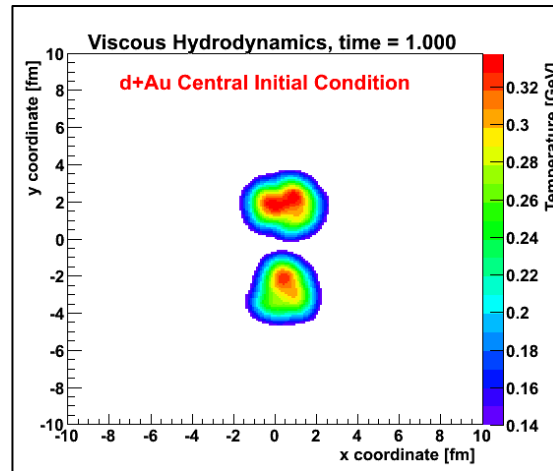
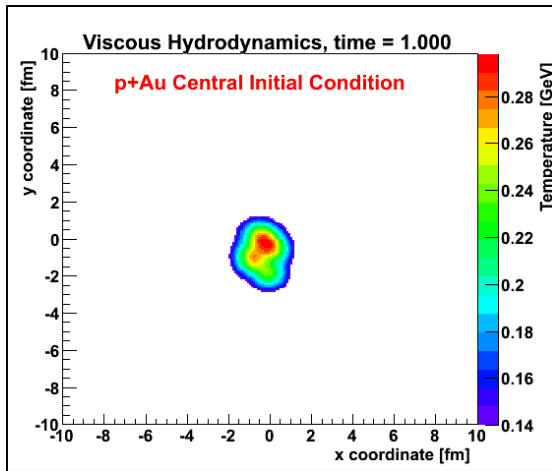
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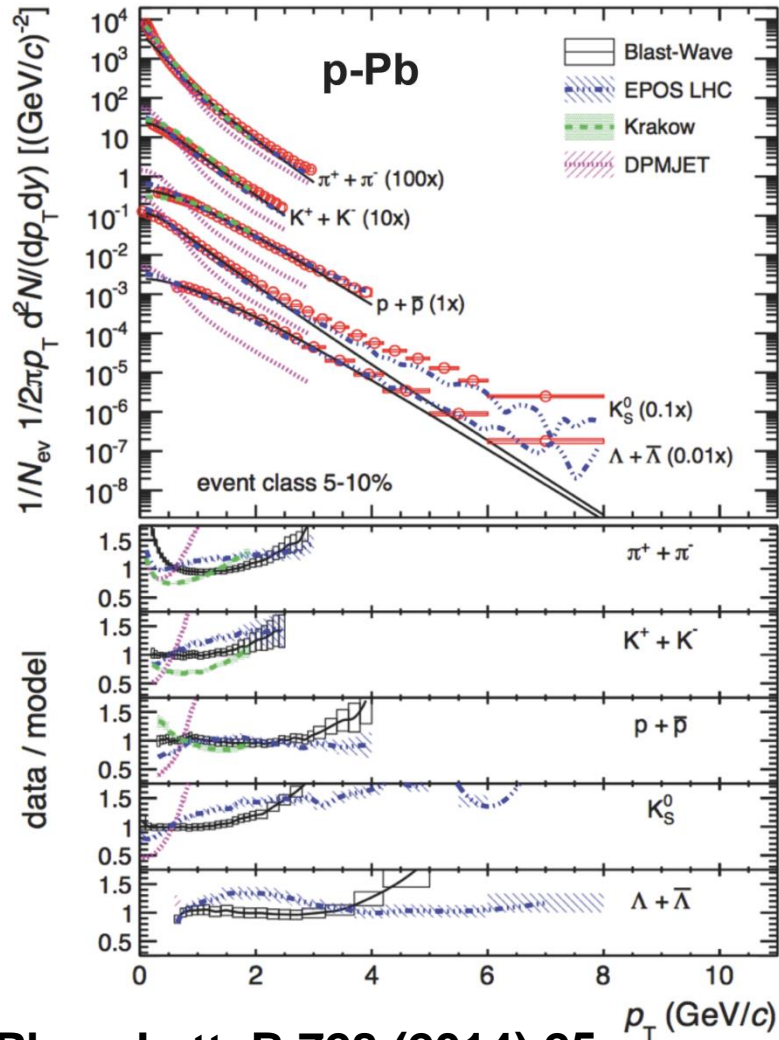


- Same behaviour observed at RHIC
- Geometrical engineering
- Triangular flow patterns (?)

→ RHIC is running  
<sup>3</sup>He + Au right now!

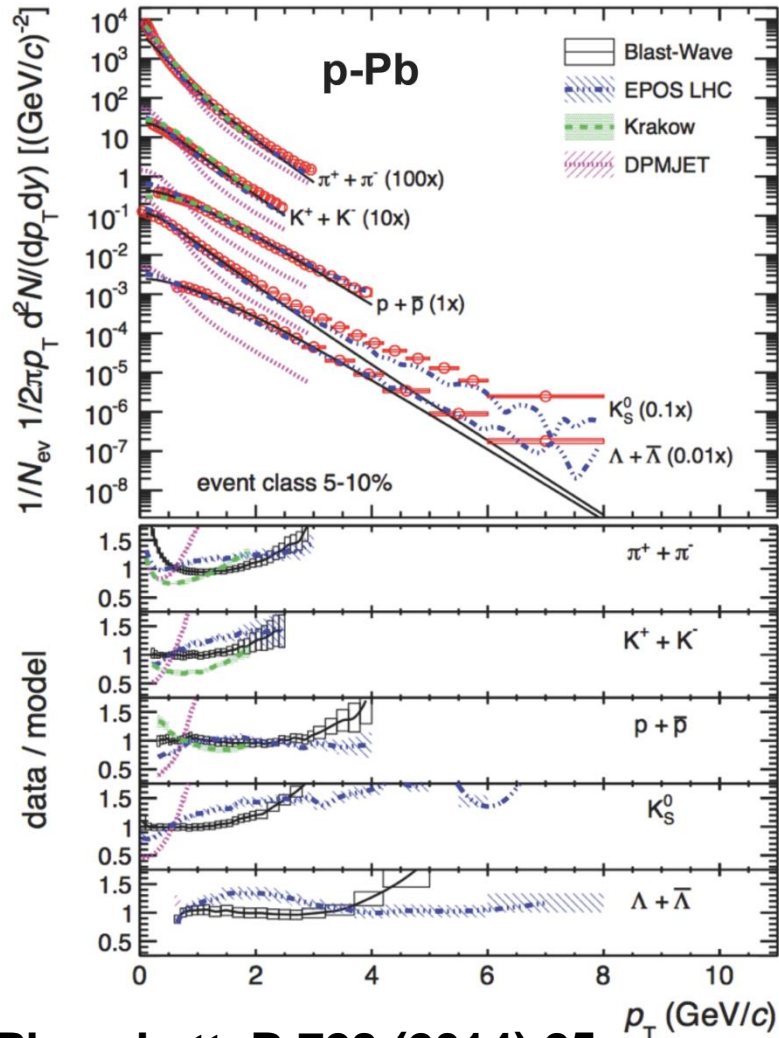


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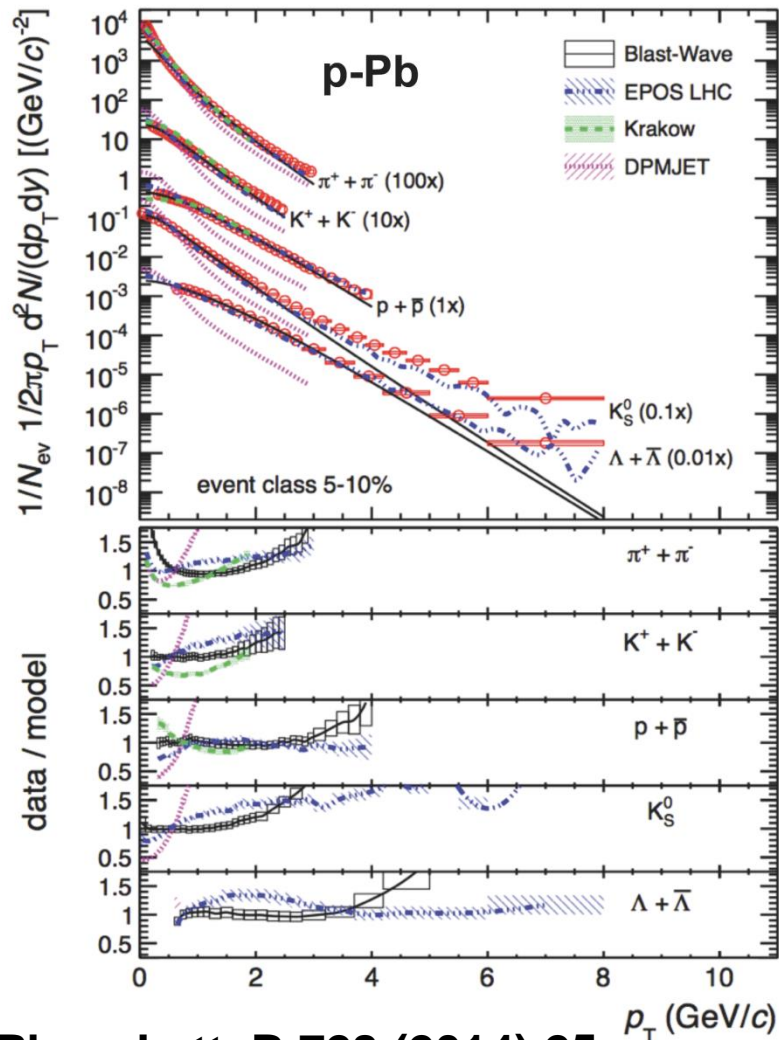
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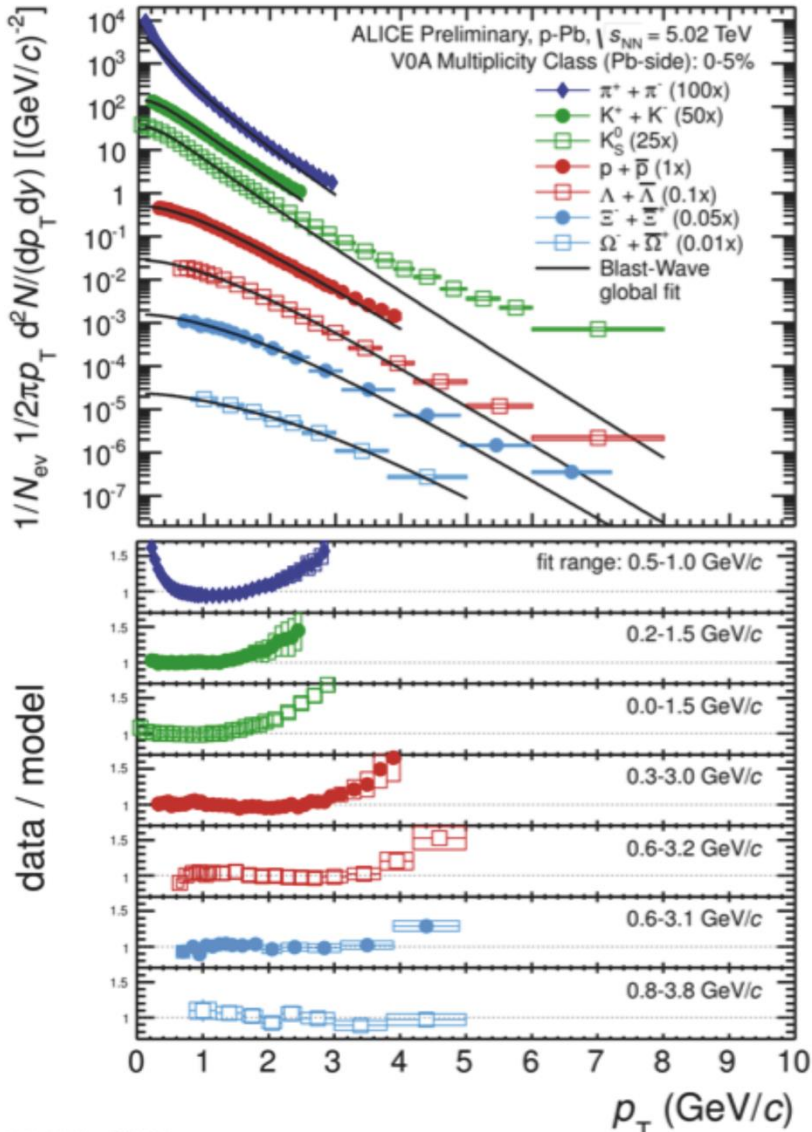
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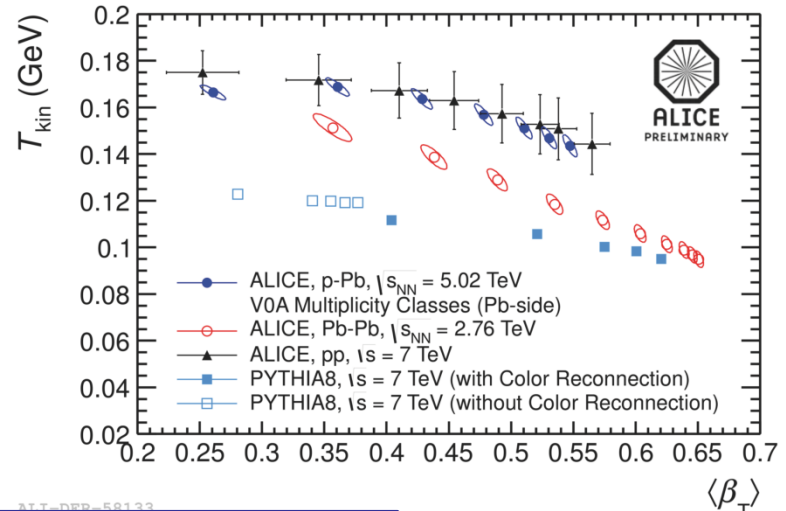
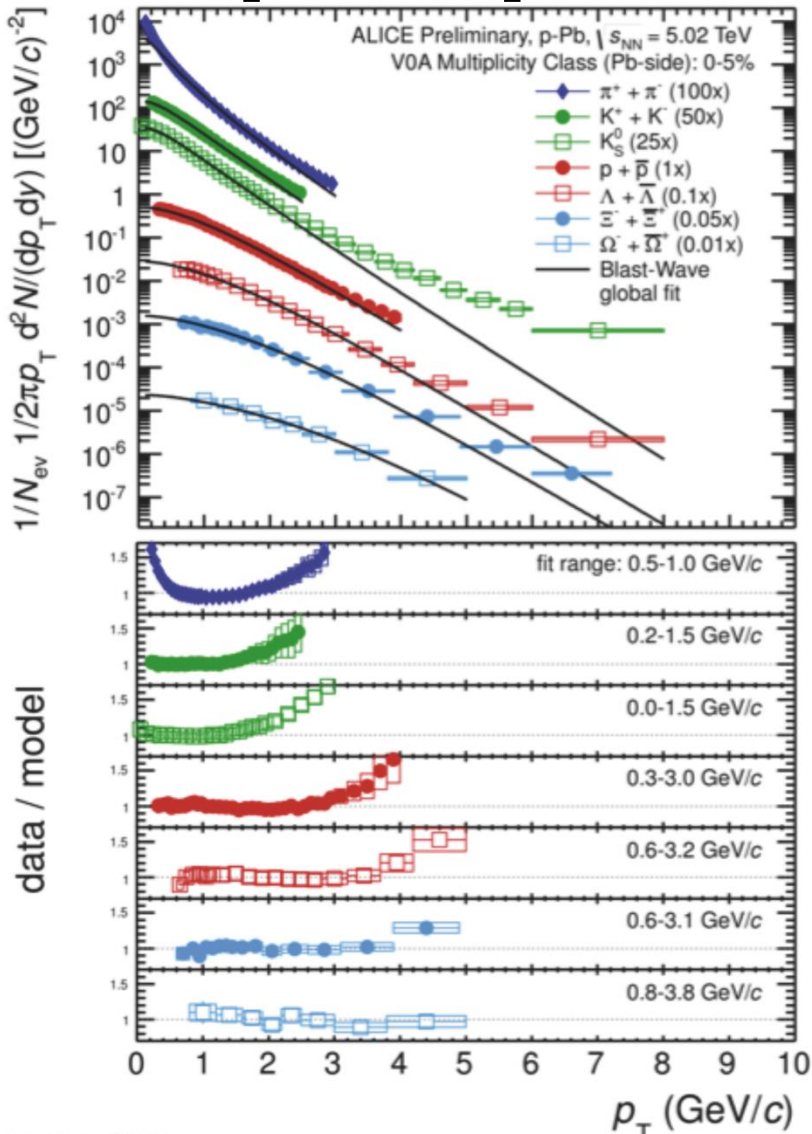
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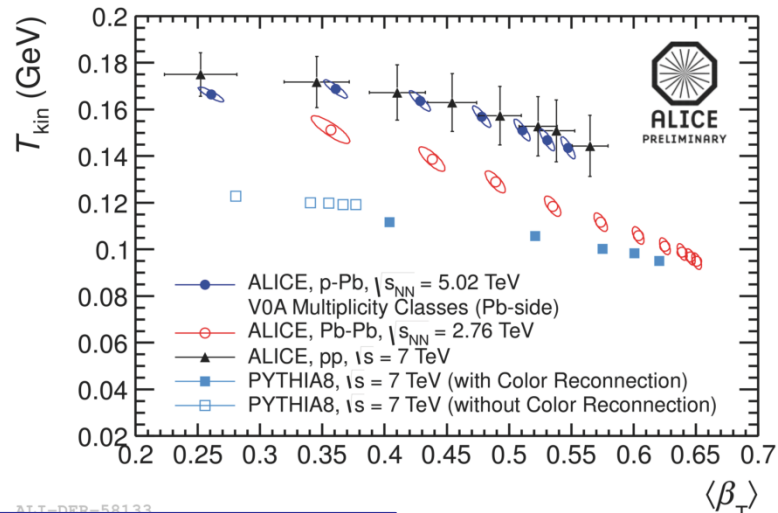
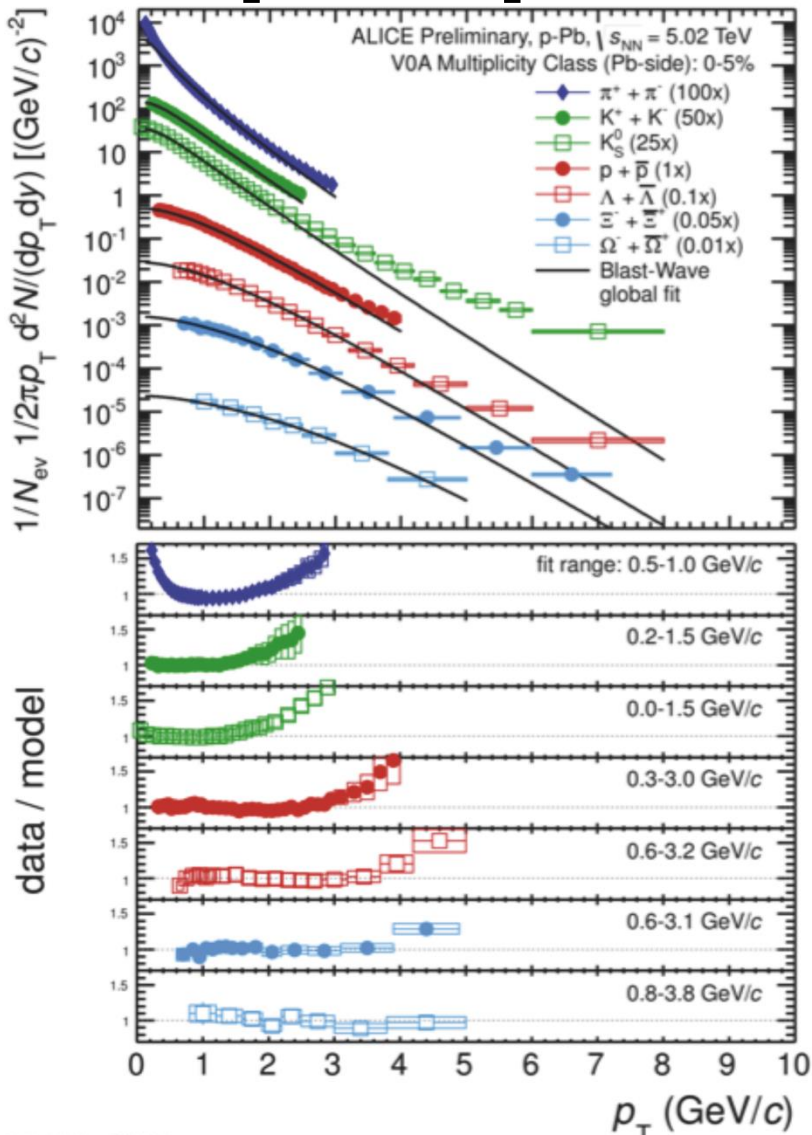


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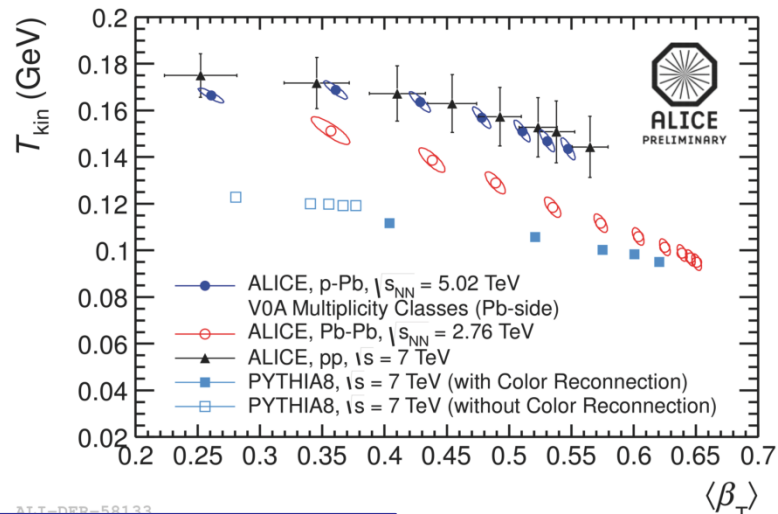
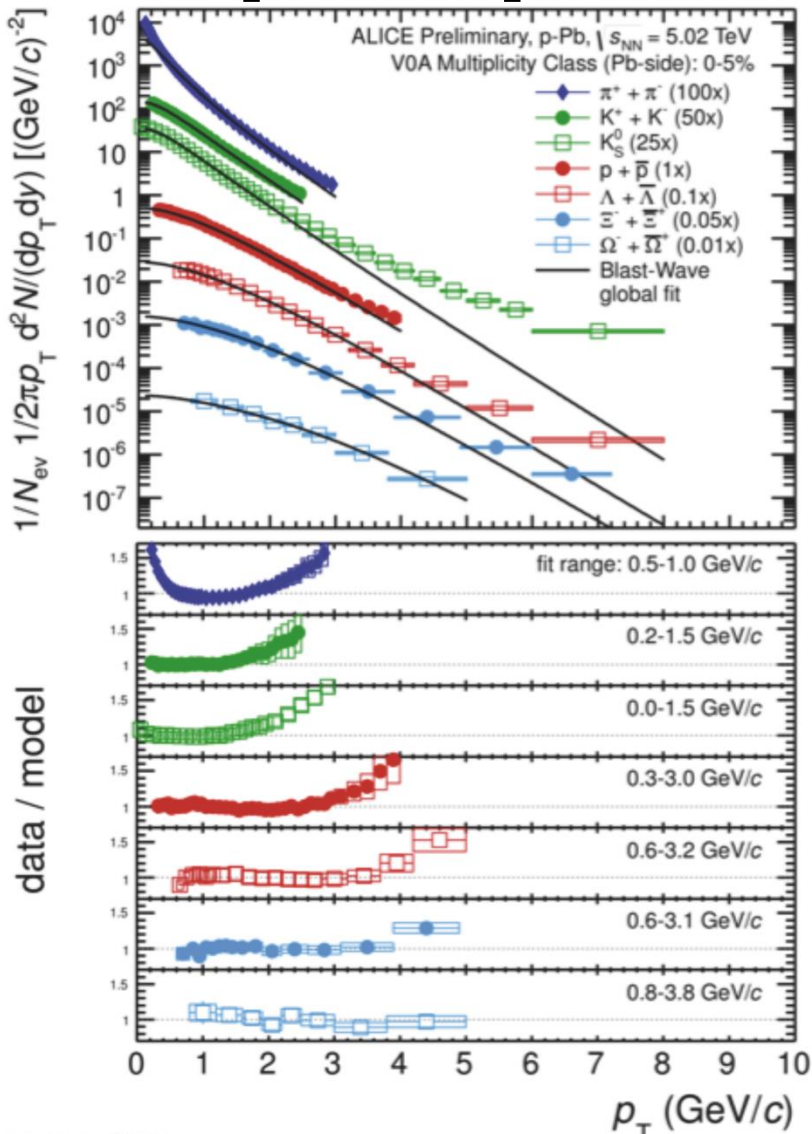


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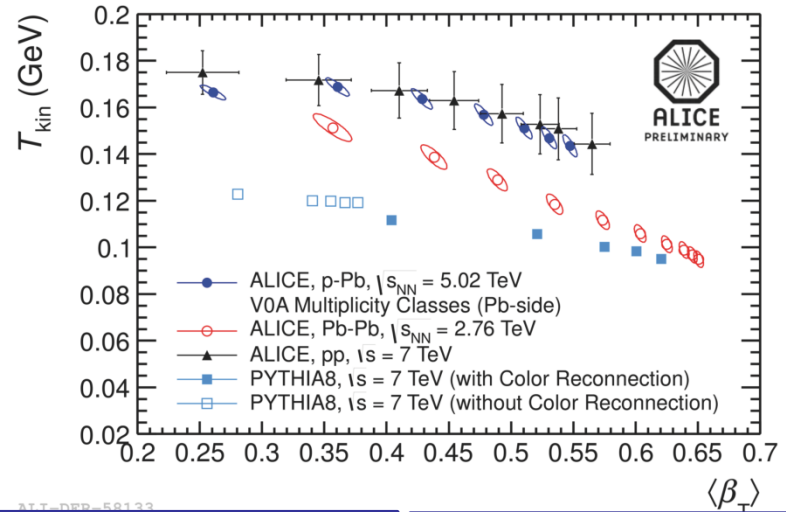
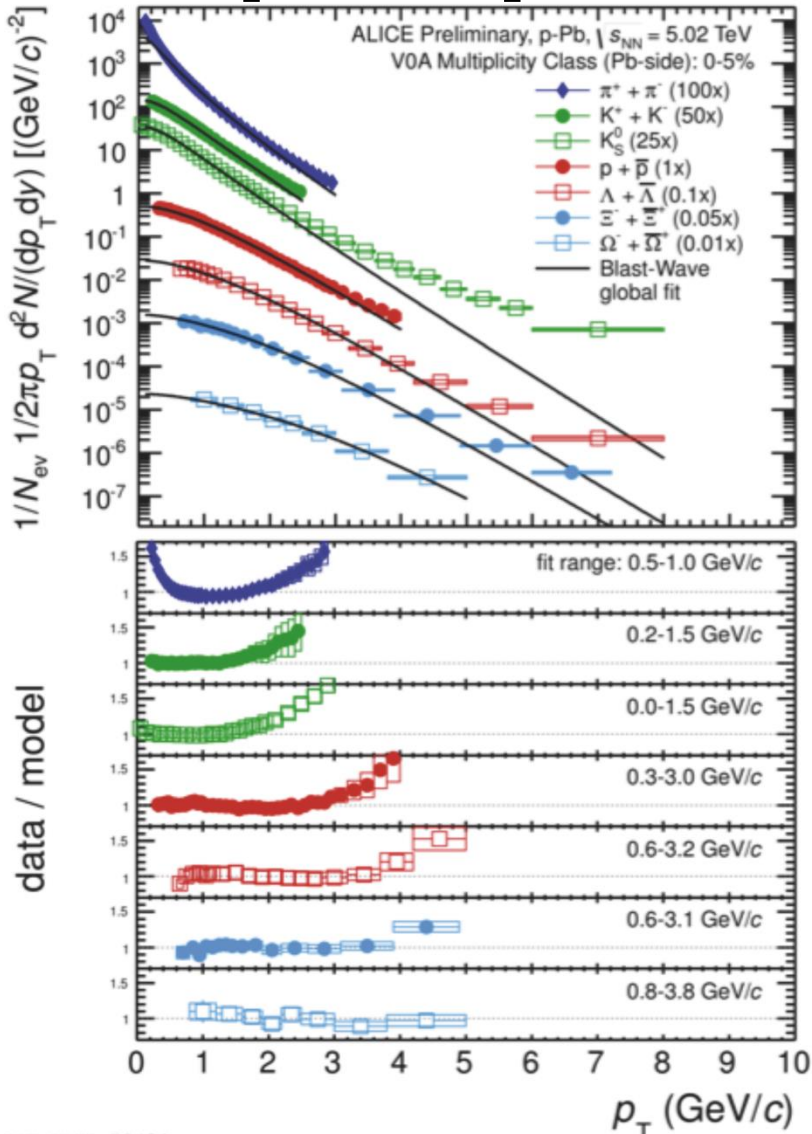
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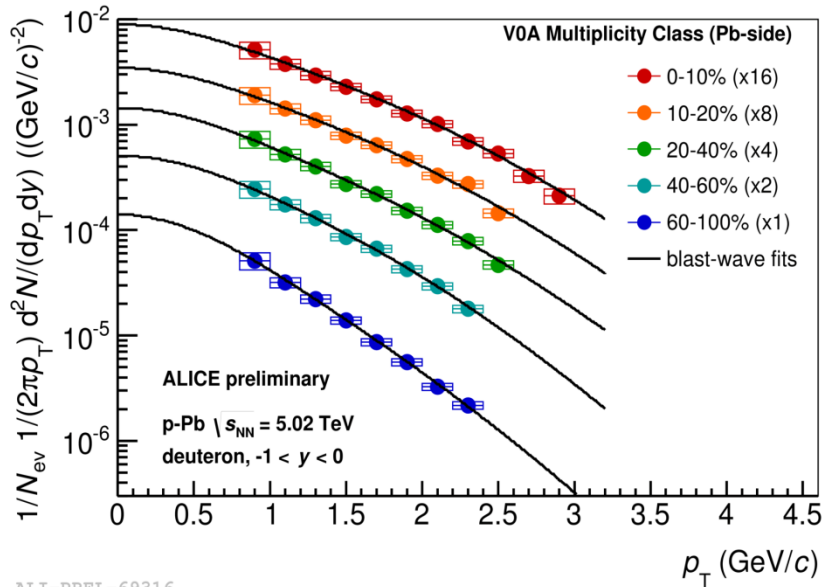
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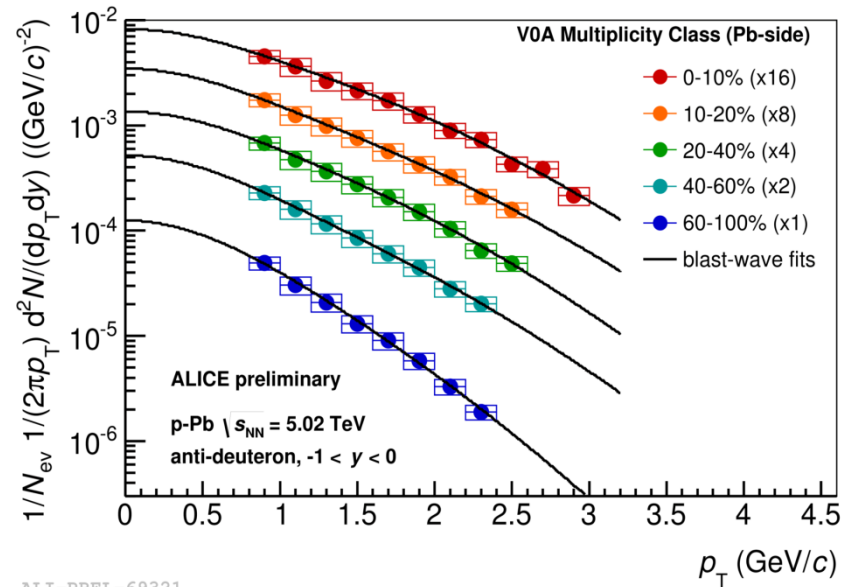
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**Other effects can mimic flow-like patterns!**  
And also pp data shows a similar trend

# Even nuclei show this behaviour



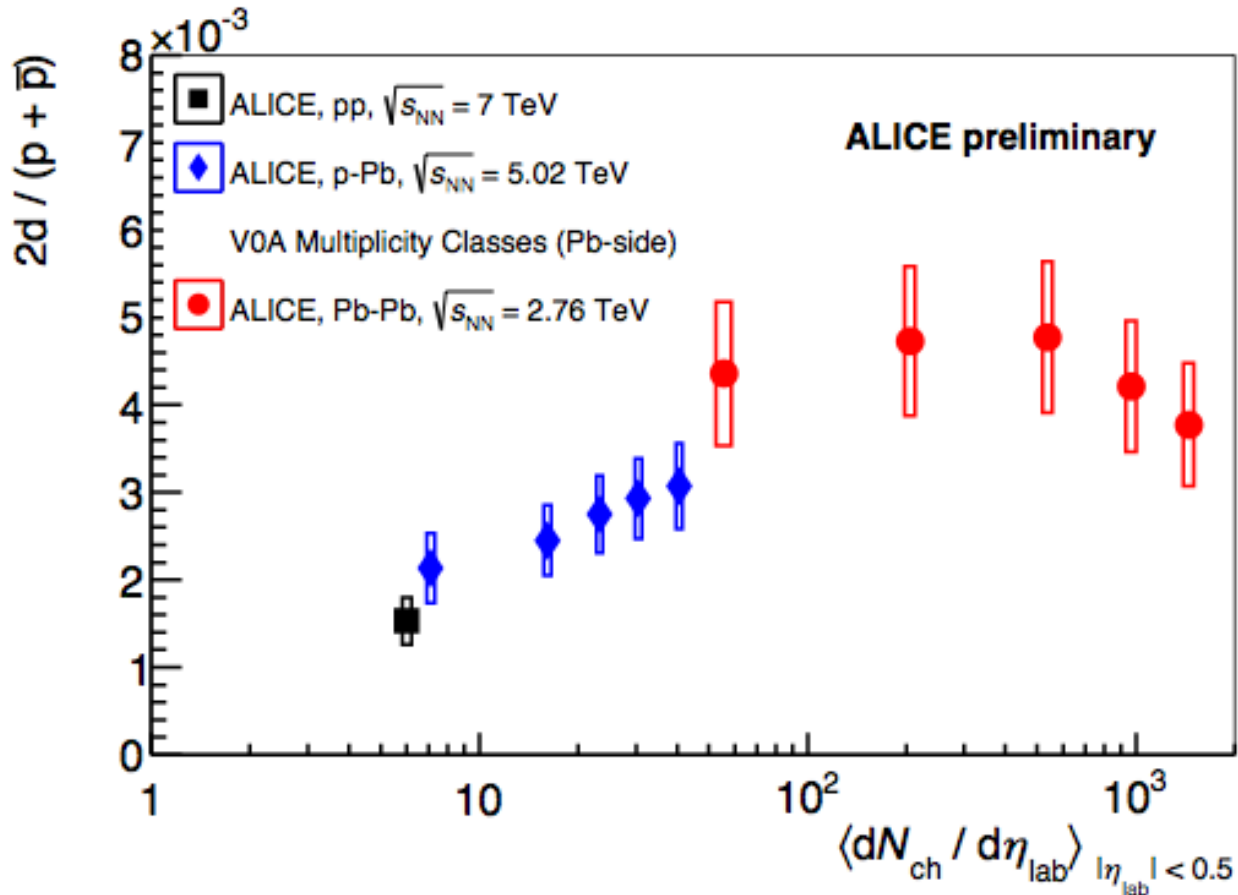
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- Deuterons and anti-deuterons are produced nearly equally in p-Pb collisions at the LHC
- Their  $p_T$  shape is well described with a simple hydro model

# Deuteron-to-proton ratio

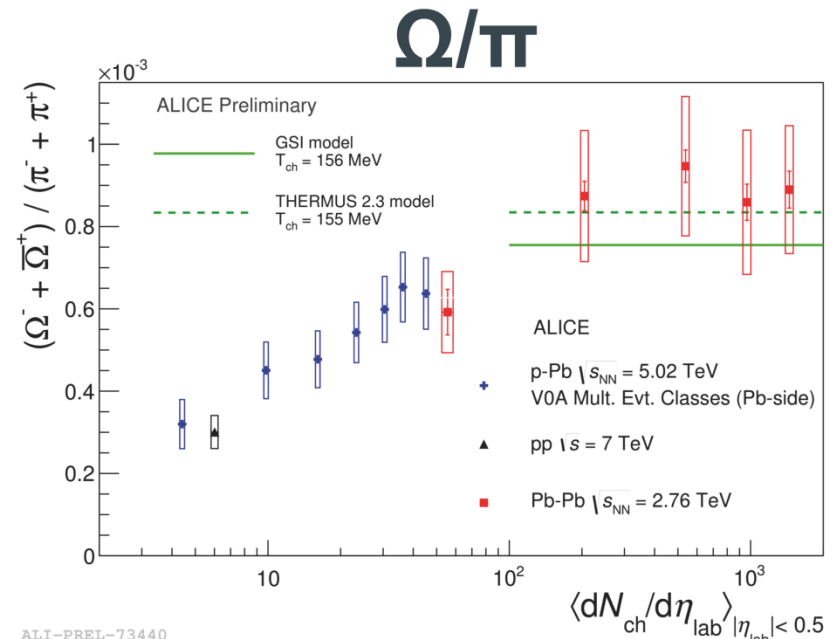
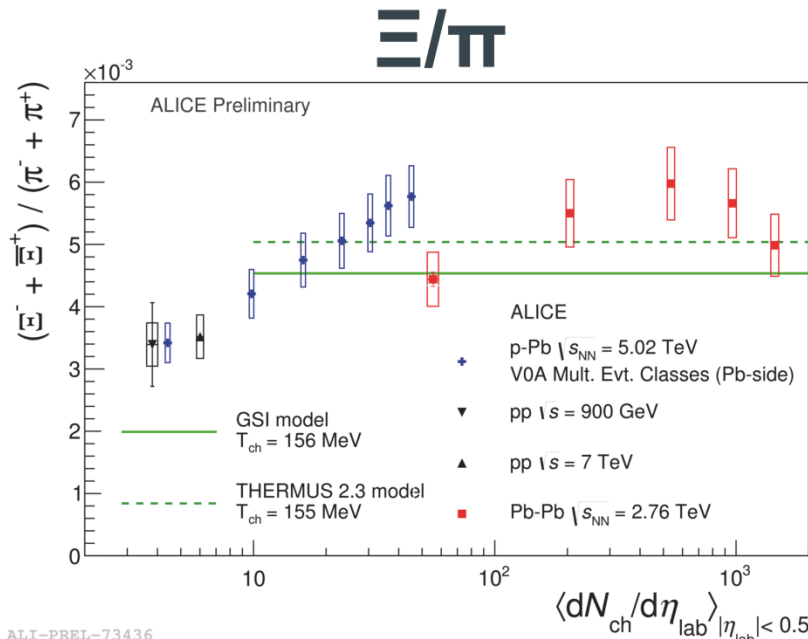


Rise with multiplicity

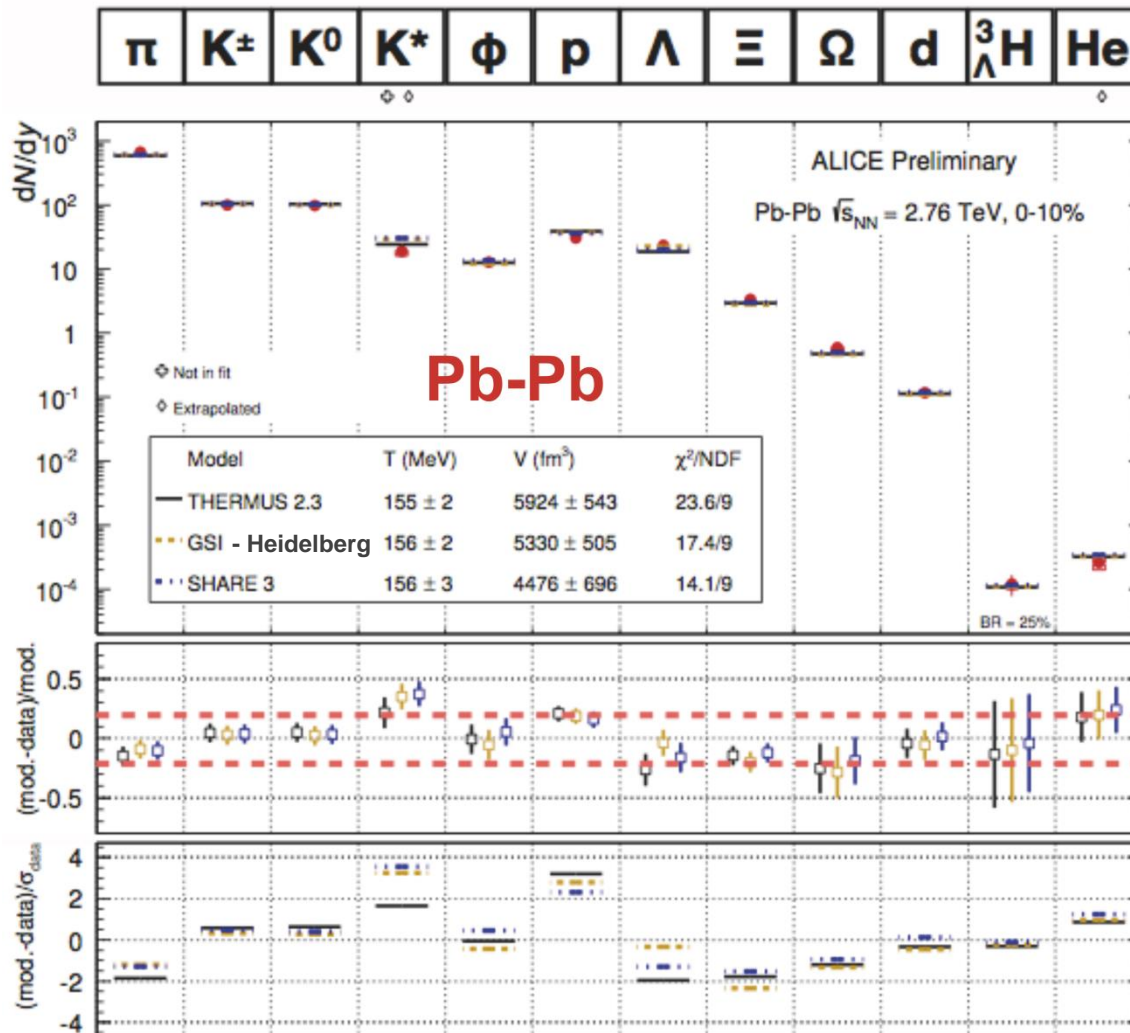
No further increase in Pb-Pb collisions within errors

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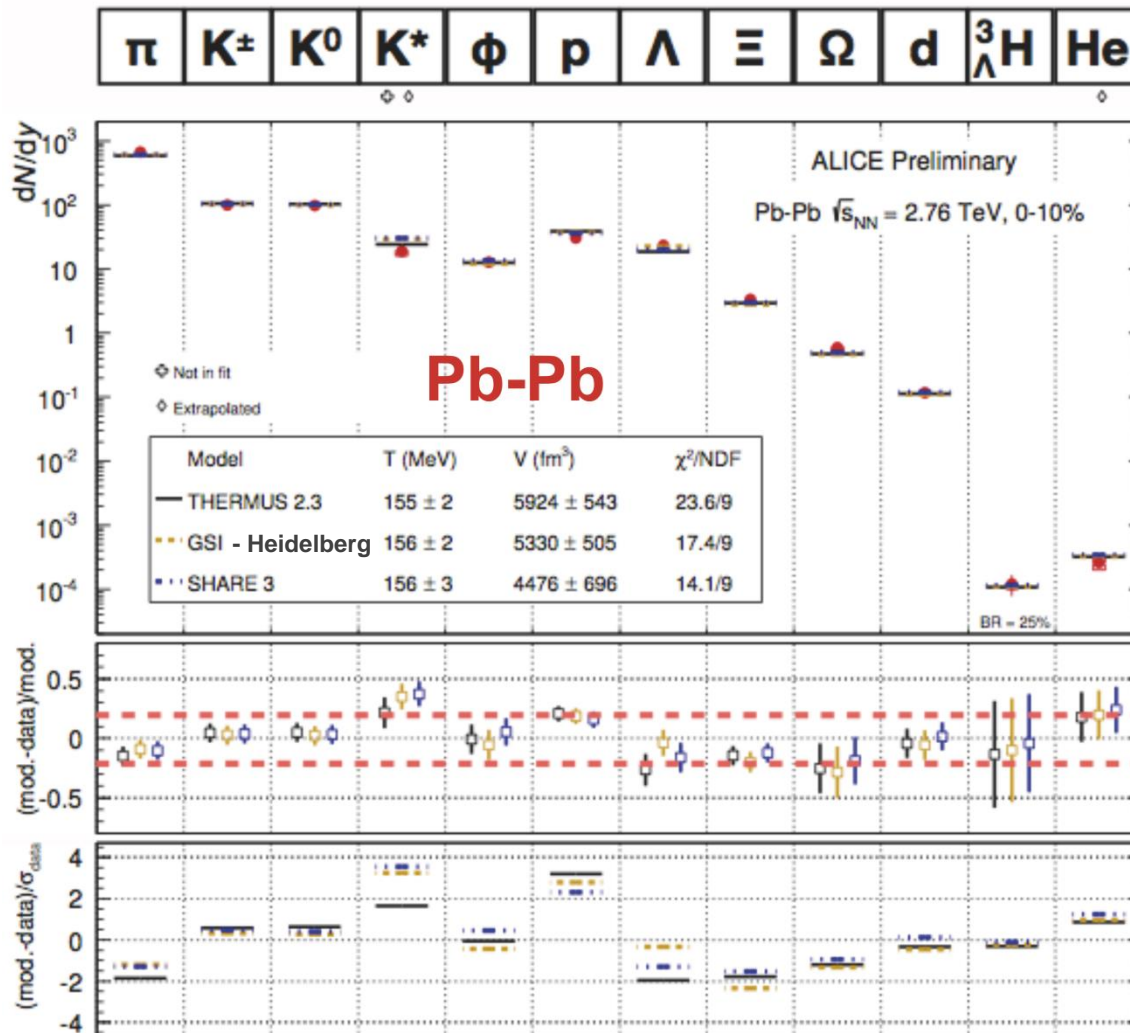
- Multi-strange particles are of particular interest as their production rate is sensitive to the system size.
- In high multiplicity p-Pb collisions similar values as in central Pb-Pb collisions are observed for  $\Xi$  ( $dss$ ), not quite for  $\Omega$  ( $sss$ ).



# Particle yields and chemical equilibrium (2)



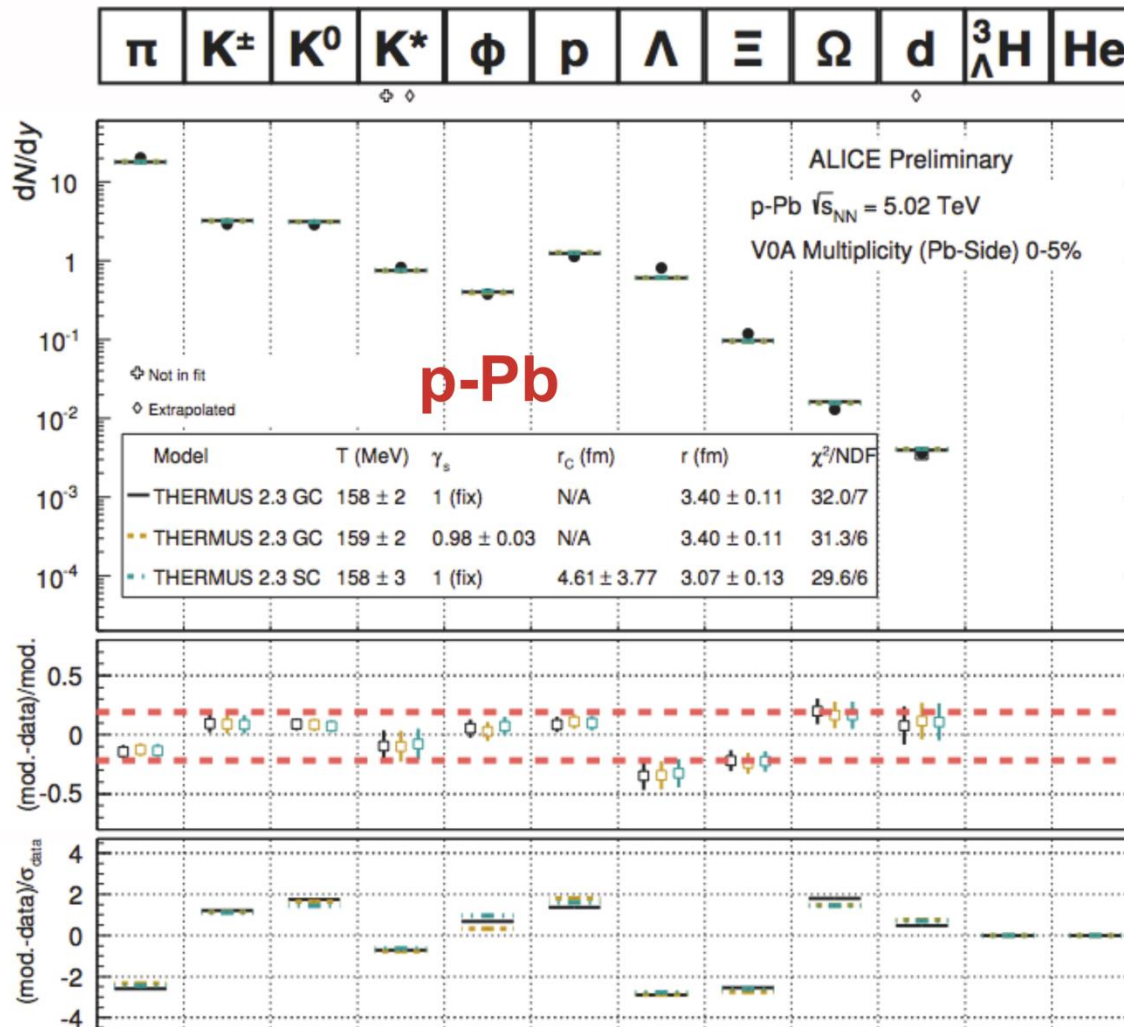
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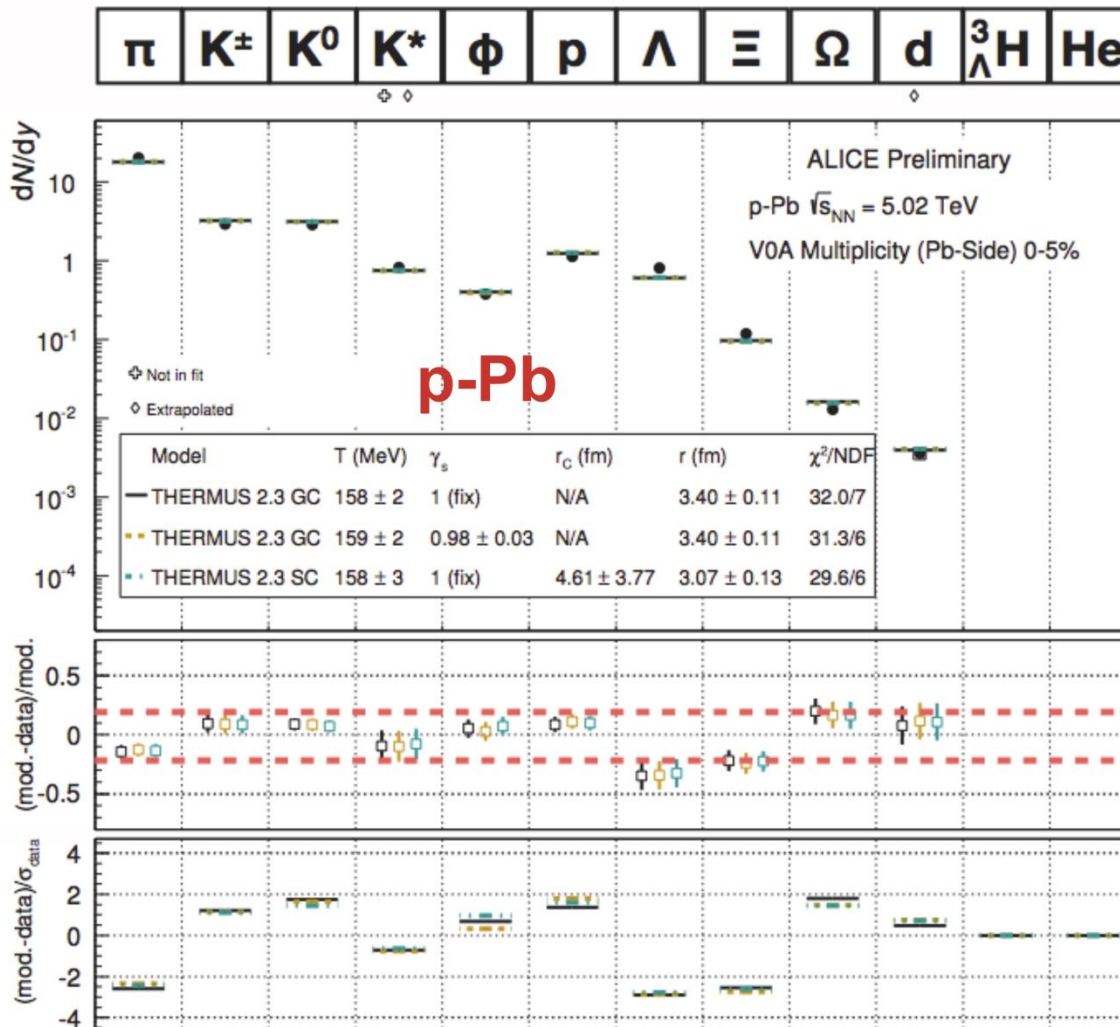
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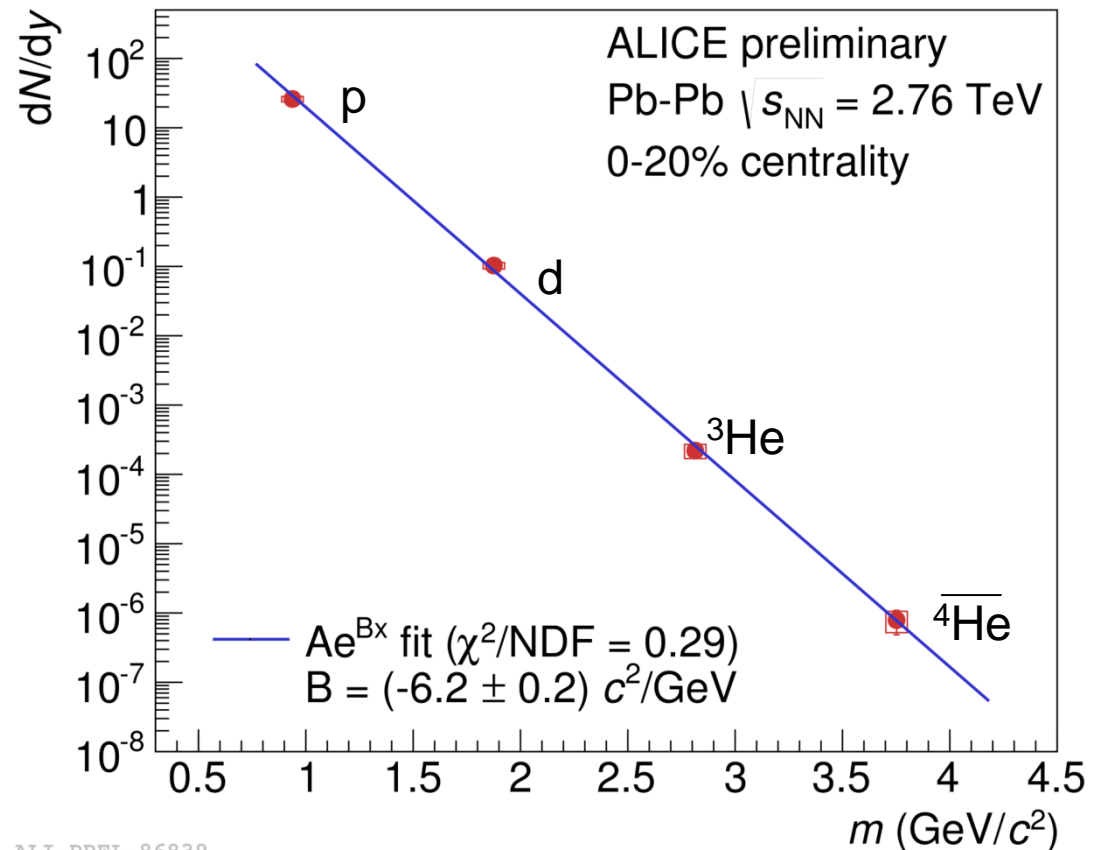


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Works in 1st order also in p-Pb collisions, however, the  $\chi^2/\text{ndof}$  is slightly worse:  $\approx 5$  instead of  $\approx 2$ , mainly due to multi-strange particles.

# Nuclei in Pb-Pb

- Thermal model:  
production yield  
 $dN/dy \sim \exp(-m/T)$
- Nuclei follow the  
exponential fall  
predicted by the  
model nicely
- Each added baryon  
gives a factor of  
~300 less  
production yield

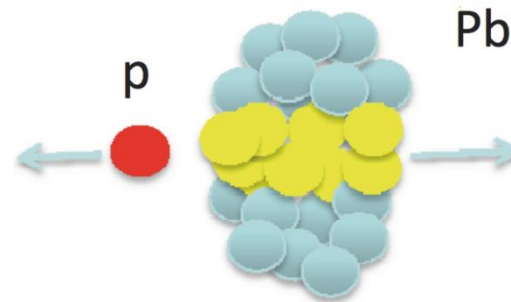


# High $p_T$ and jets

# What is the $R_{pA}$ ?

- Modification of the spectral shape due to nuclear effects is quantified based on the nuclear modification factor:

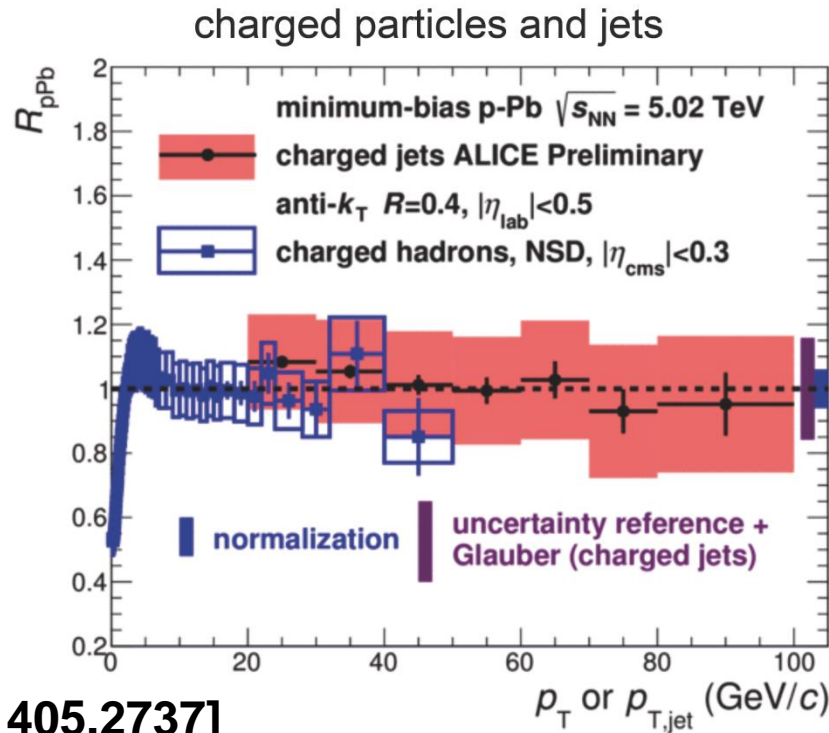
$$R_{pA} = \frac{dN_{pA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle dN_{pp} / dp_T}$$



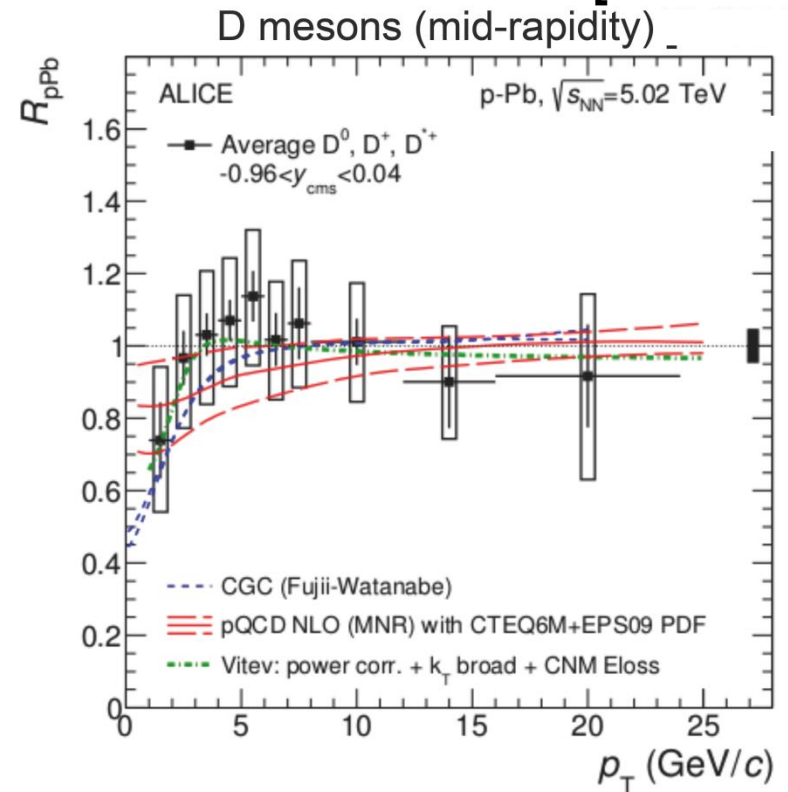
- Number of binary collisions is calculated in a Glauber model:  $\langle N_{coll} \rangle = 6.9 \pm 0.6$
- For pQCD processes: if  $R_{pA} \approx 1 \rightarrow$  p-Pb collision is approximately a superposition of independent proton-nucleon collisions and no nuclear effects are present.

# $R_{pA}$ — examples

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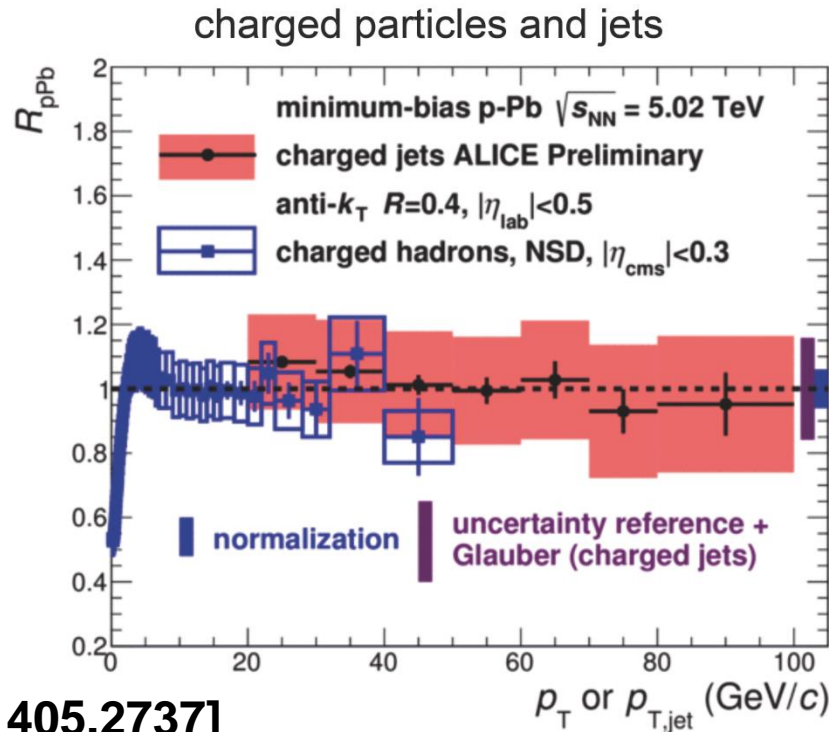


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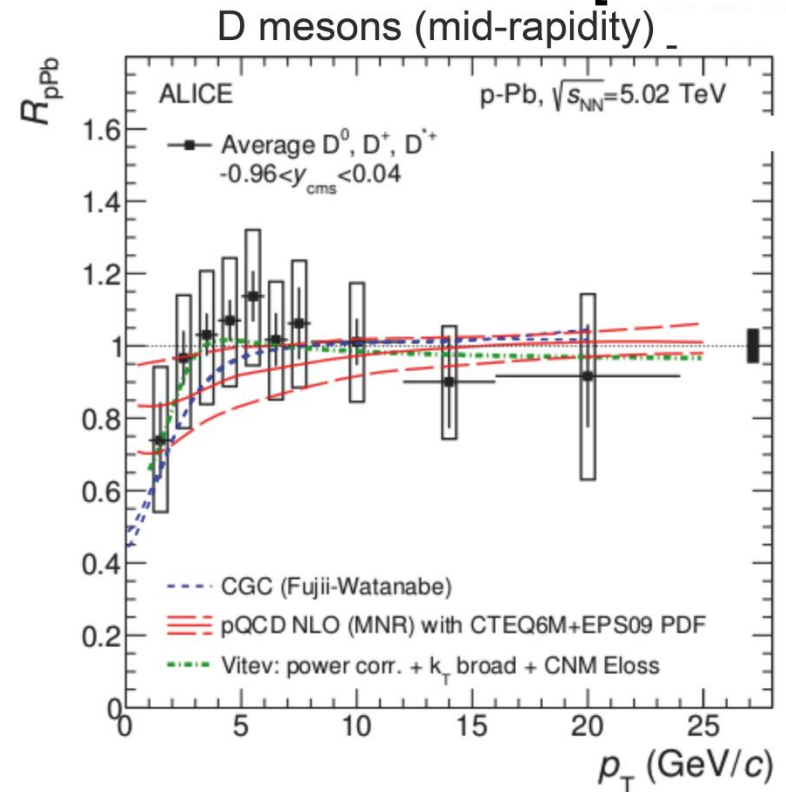


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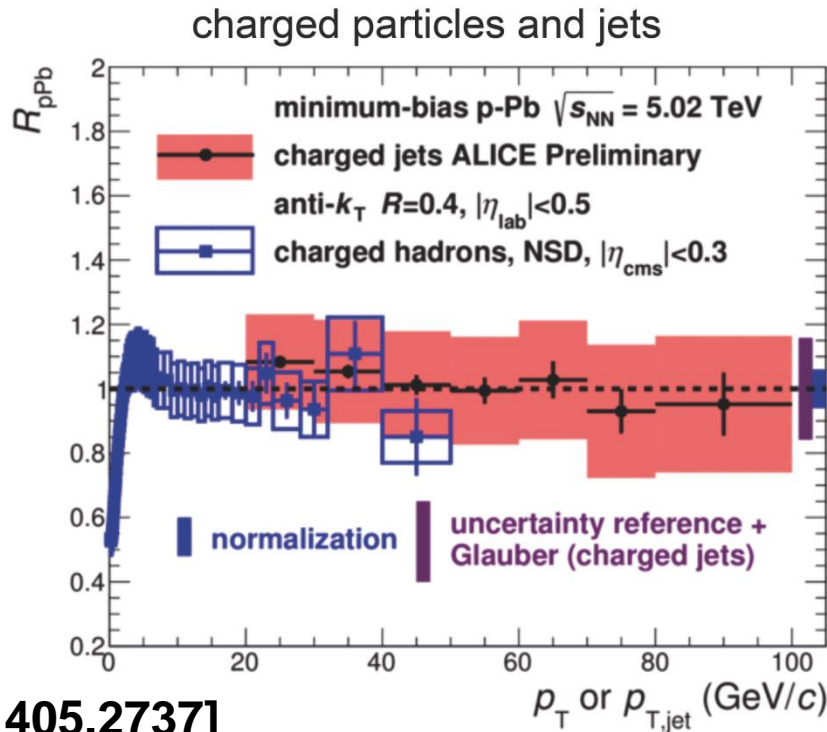
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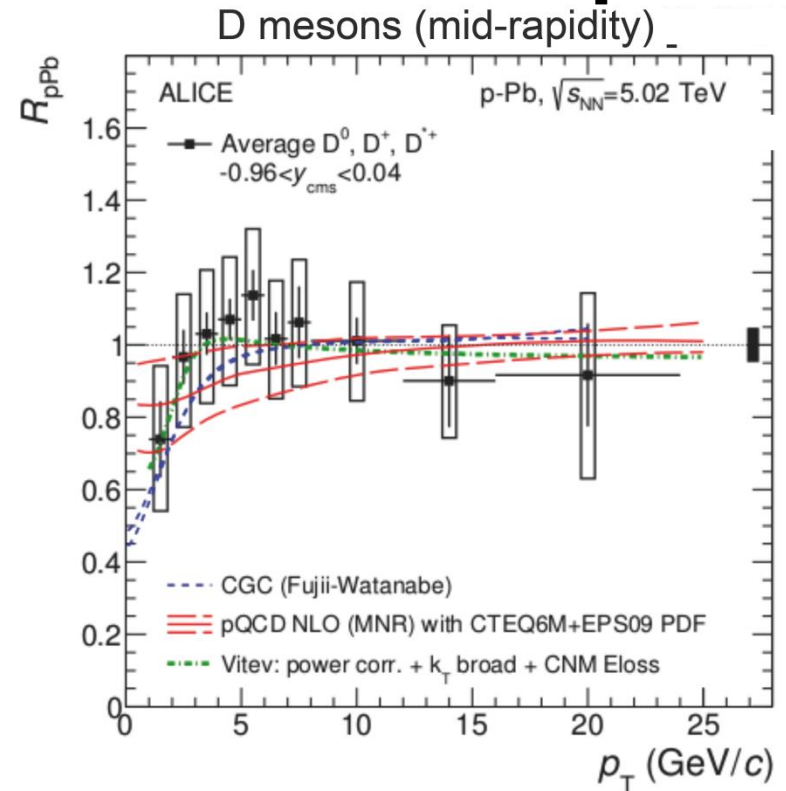
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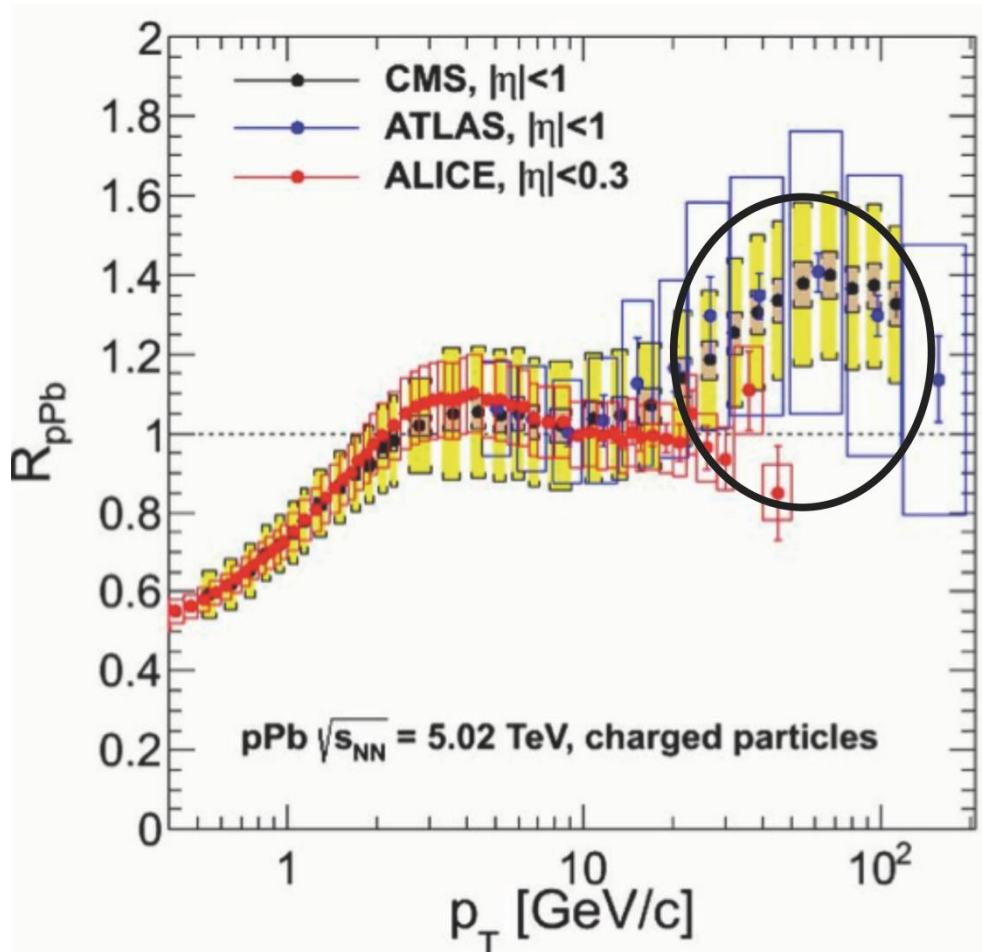


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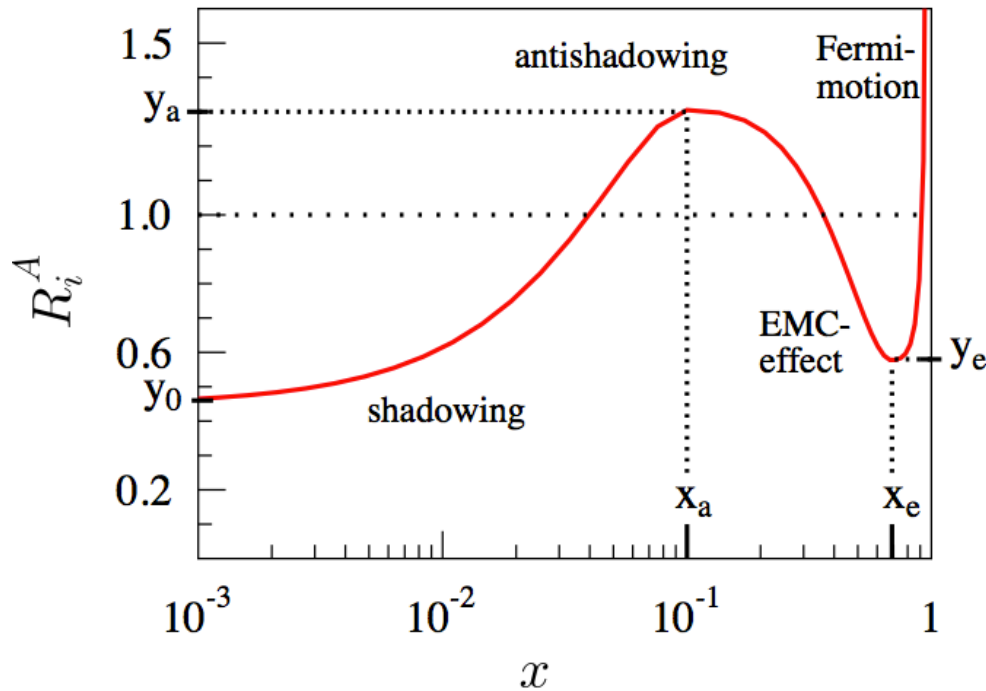


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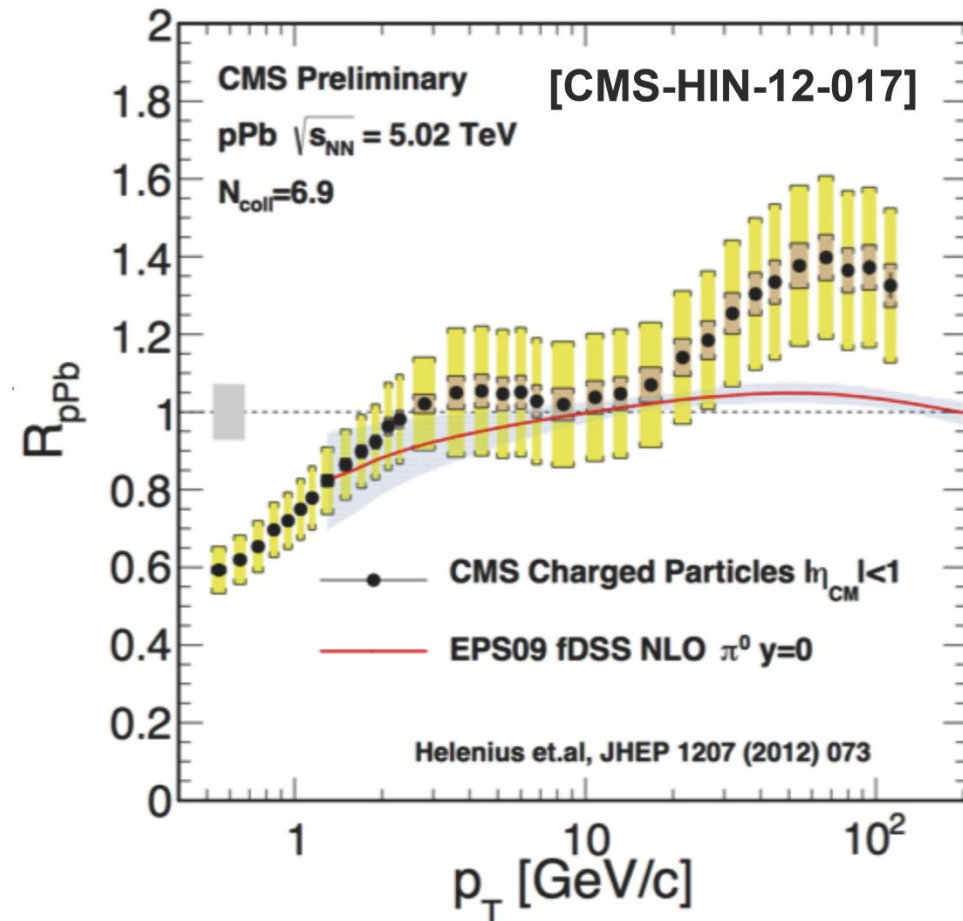
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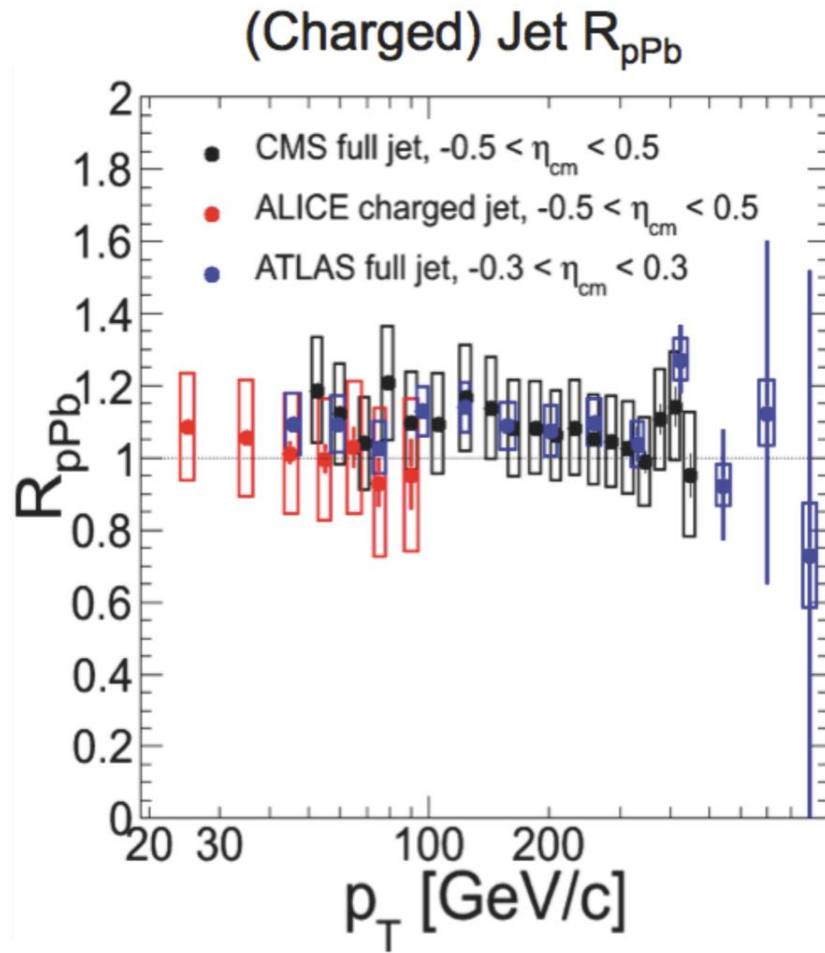
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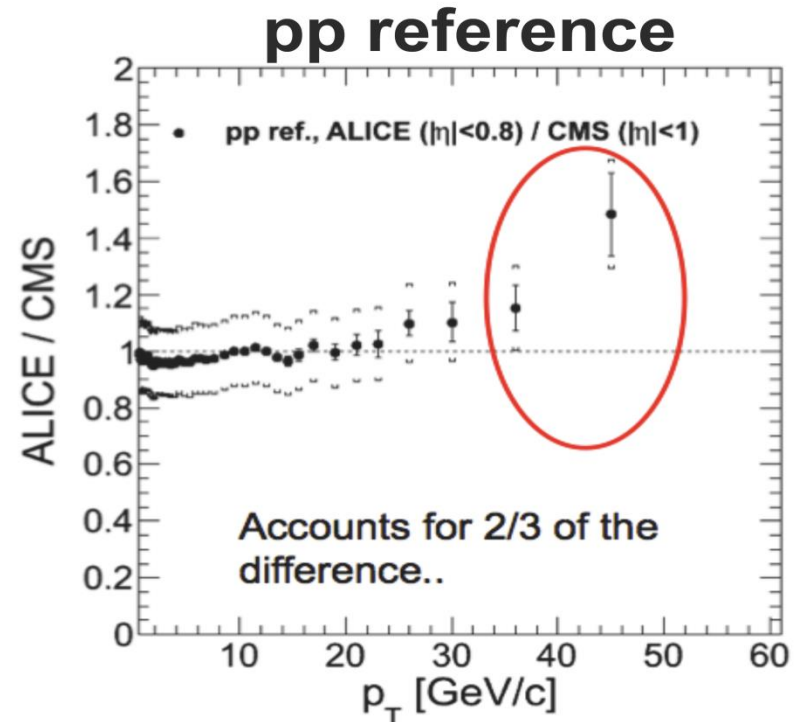
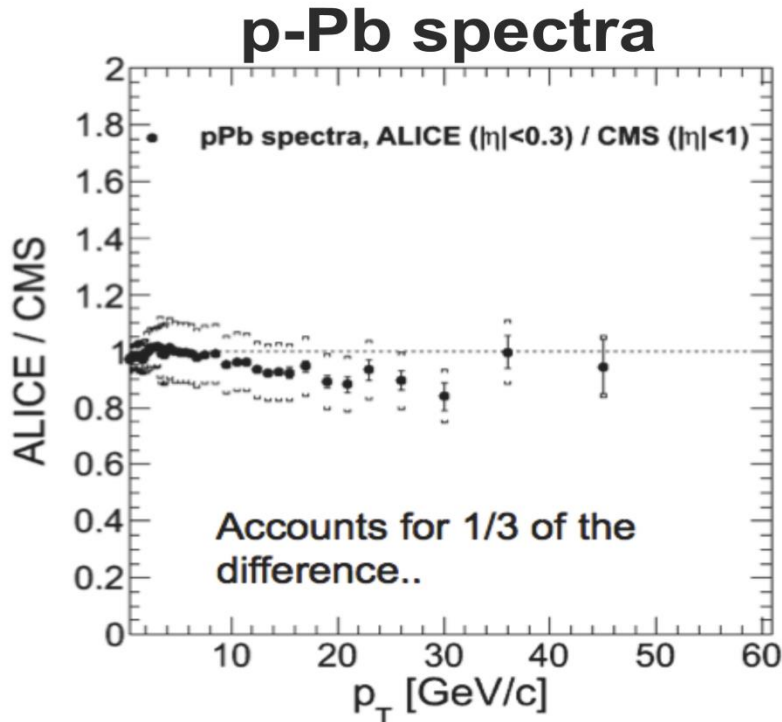
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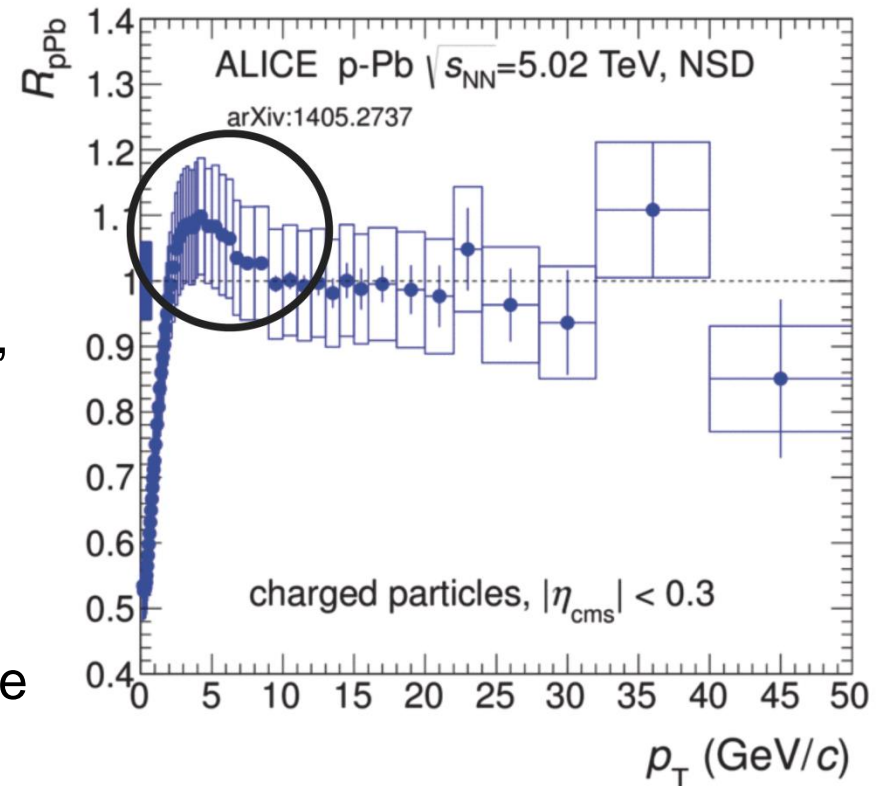
- N.B.: There is no data at the reference energy! The proton spectrum is interpolated/extrapolated from 2.76 TeV and 7 TeV data...



- Also needed for:  $13 \text{ TeV} * 82 / 208 = 5.125 \text{ TeV}$  !

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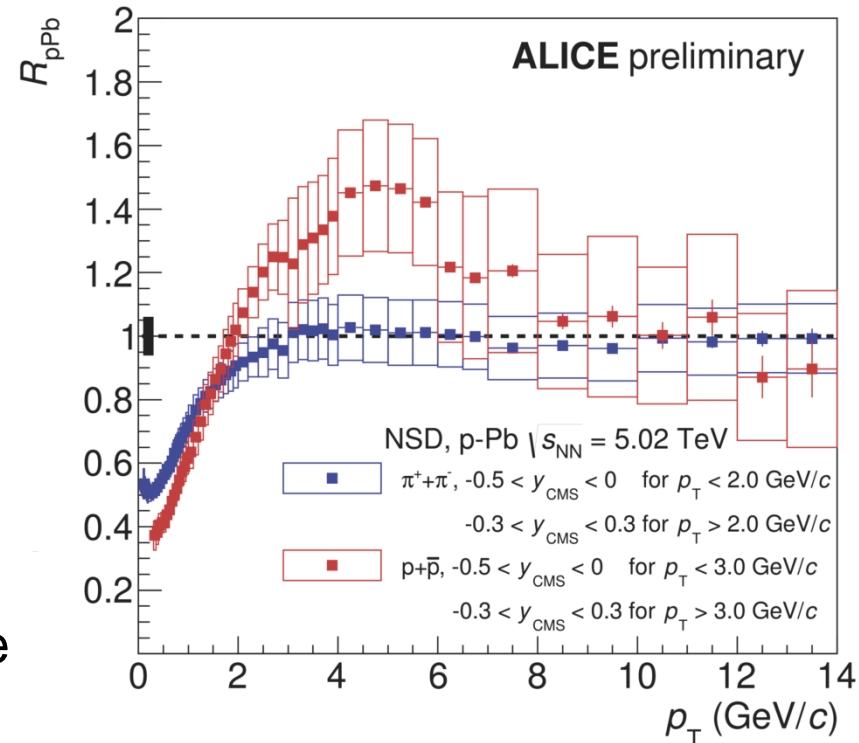
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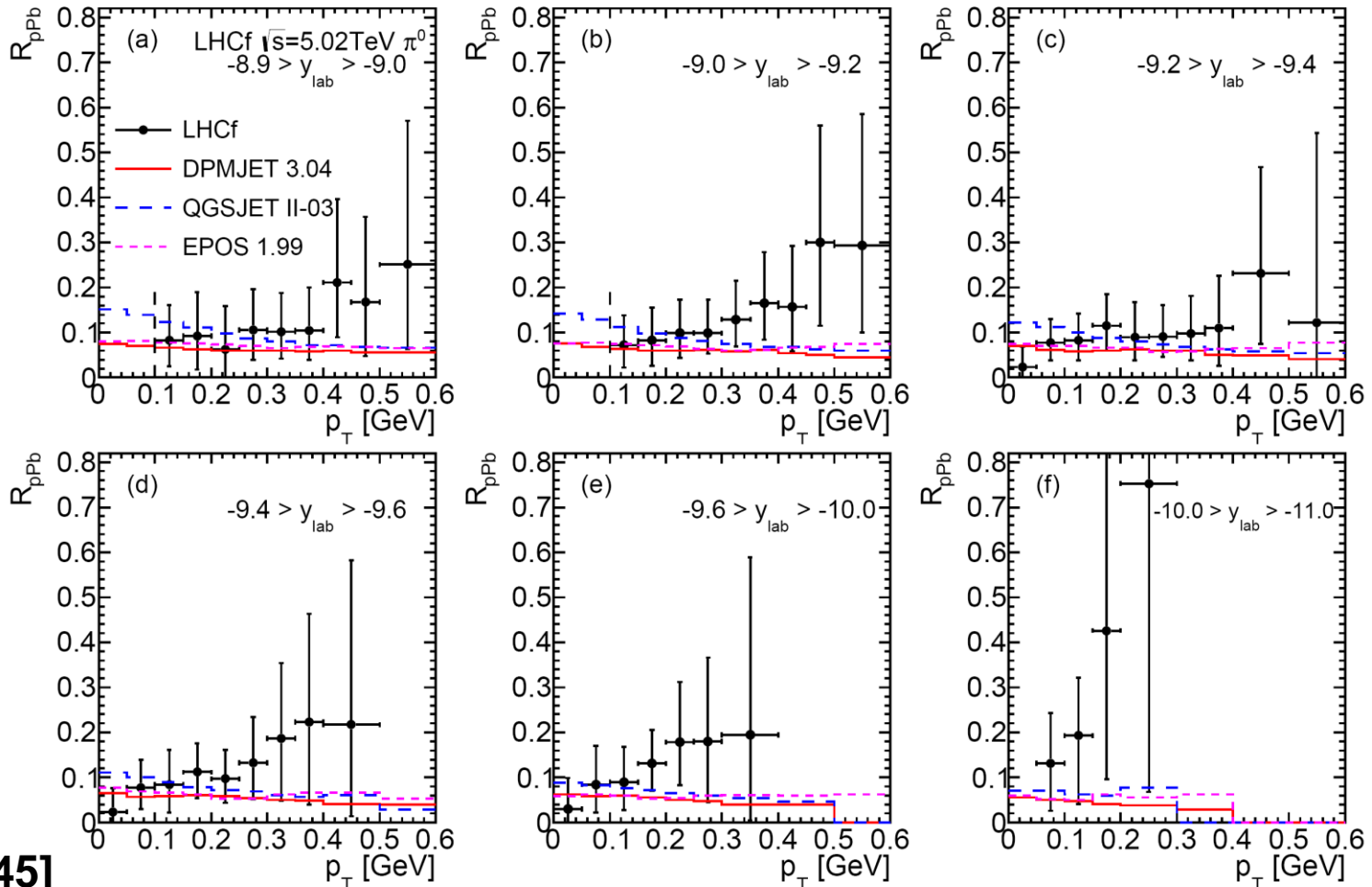


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# RHICf and PHENIX

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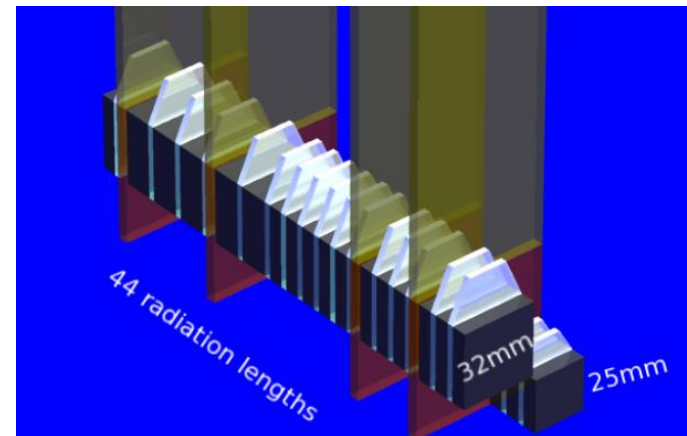
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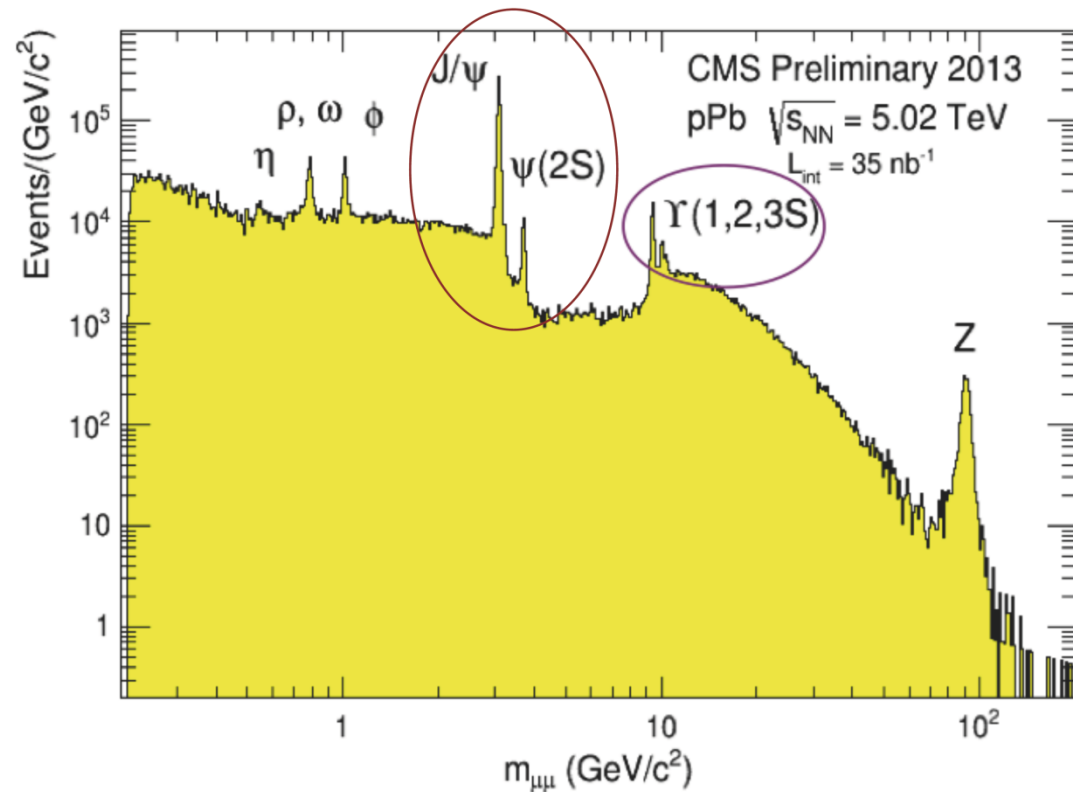
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If approved, RHICf detector would be integrated with the PHENIX experiment providing key additional constraints

# Heavy flavour and electroweak bosons

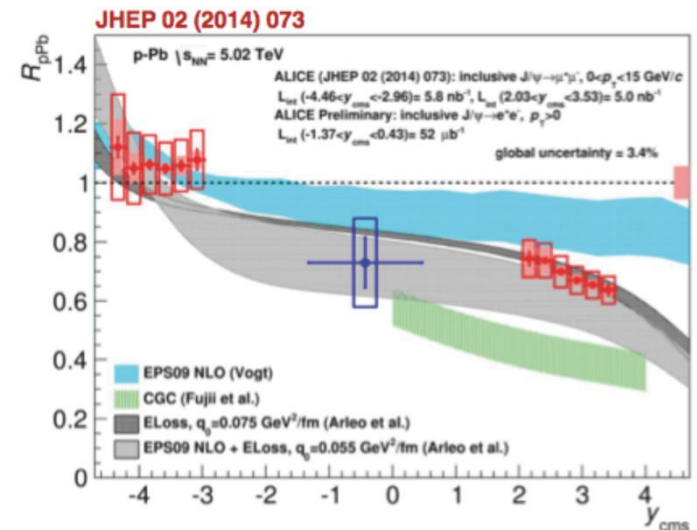
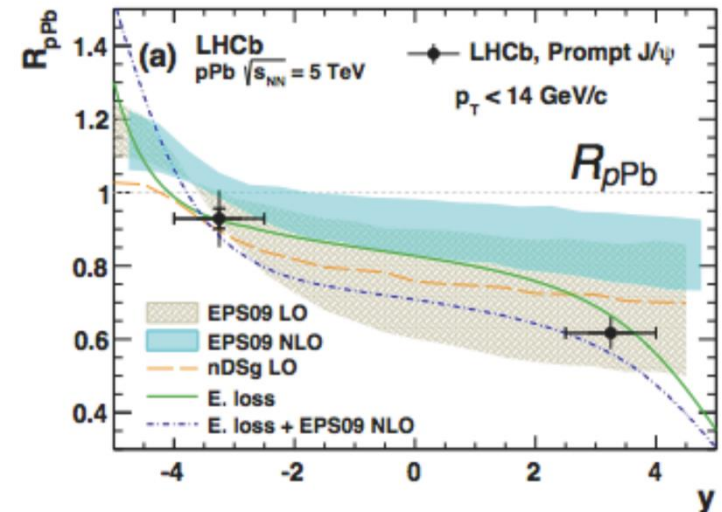
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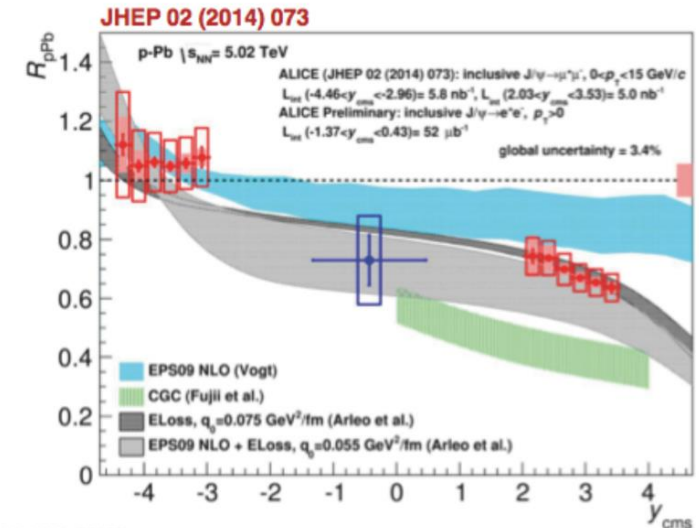
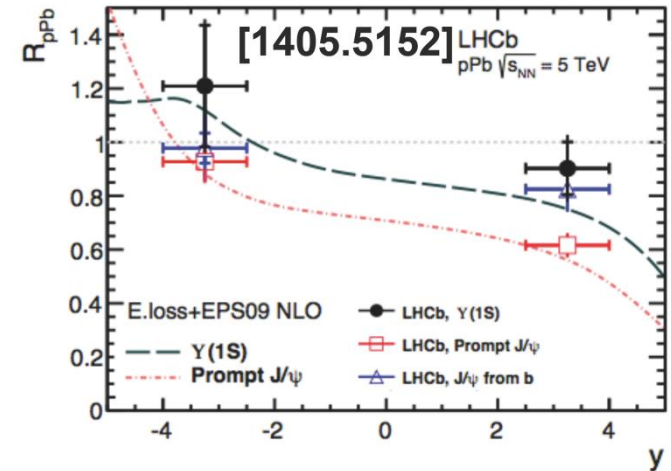


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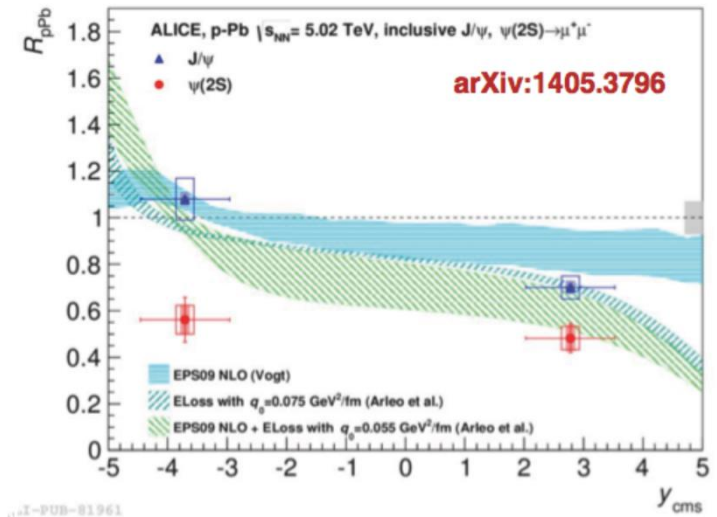
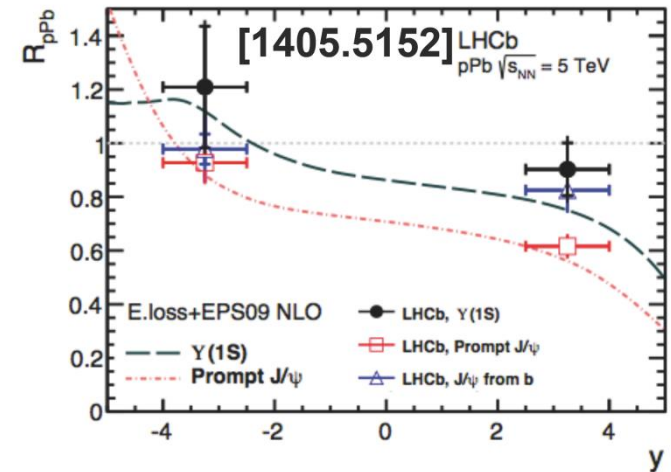
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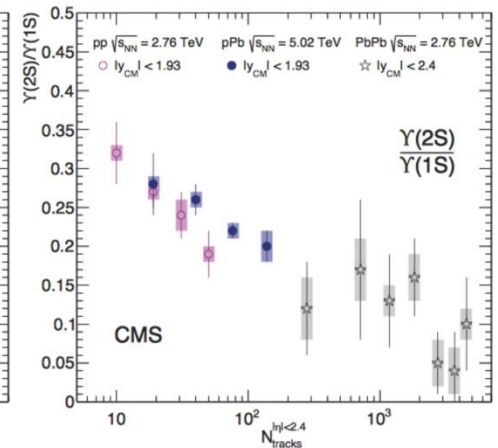
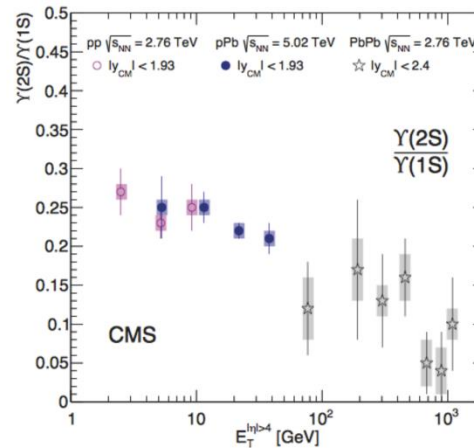
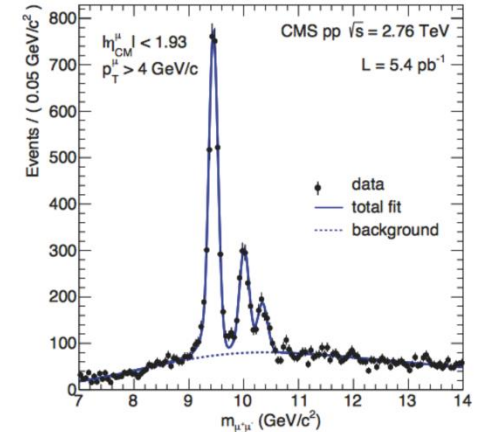
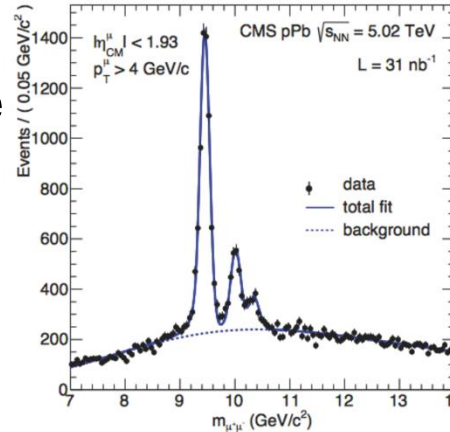
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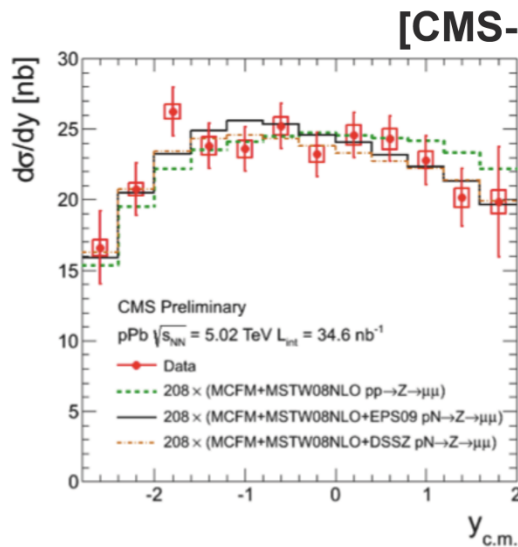
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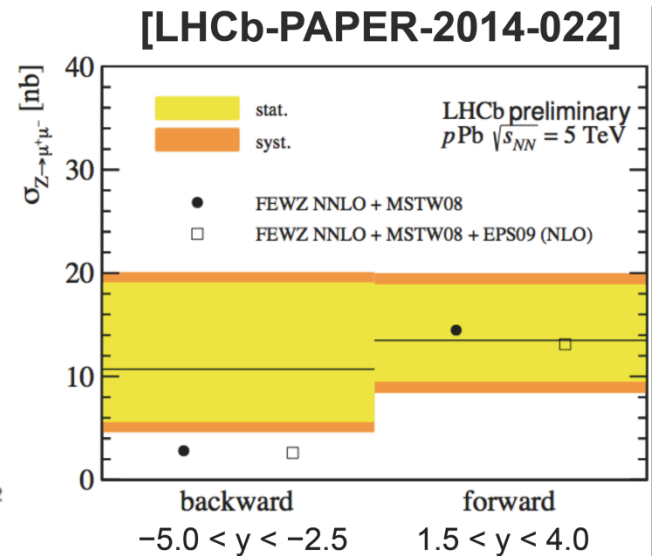
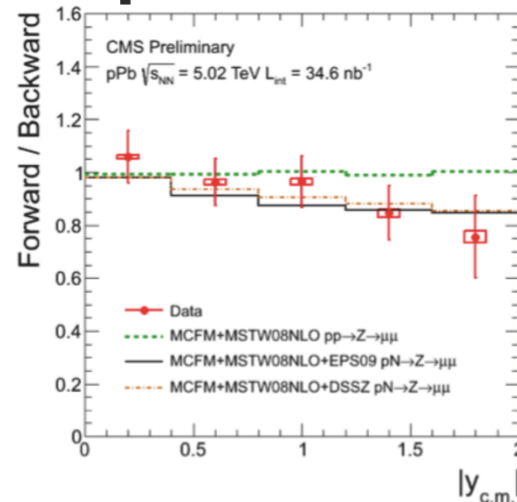
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# Z<sup>0</sup> production in p-Pb collisions

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CMS

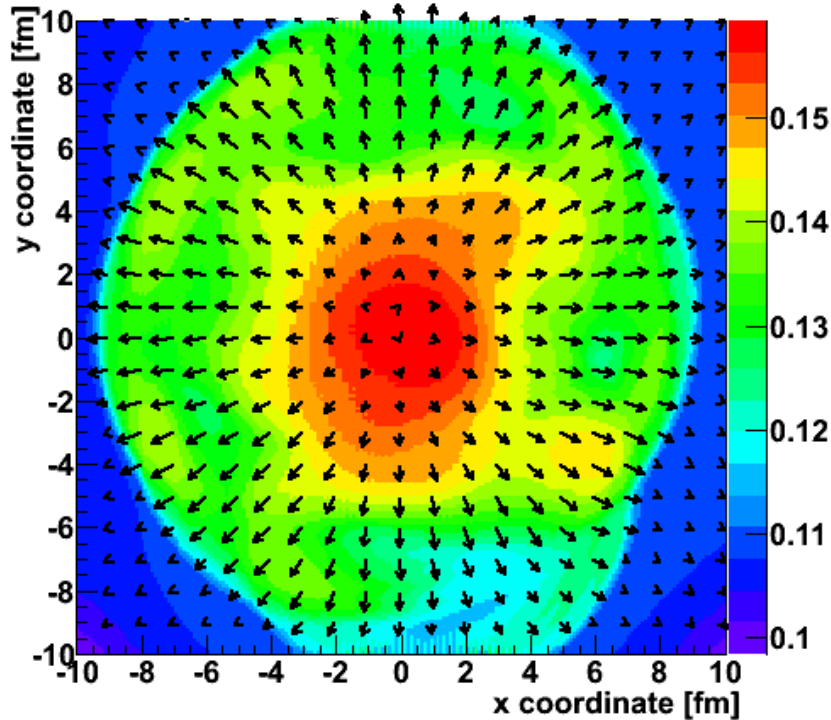


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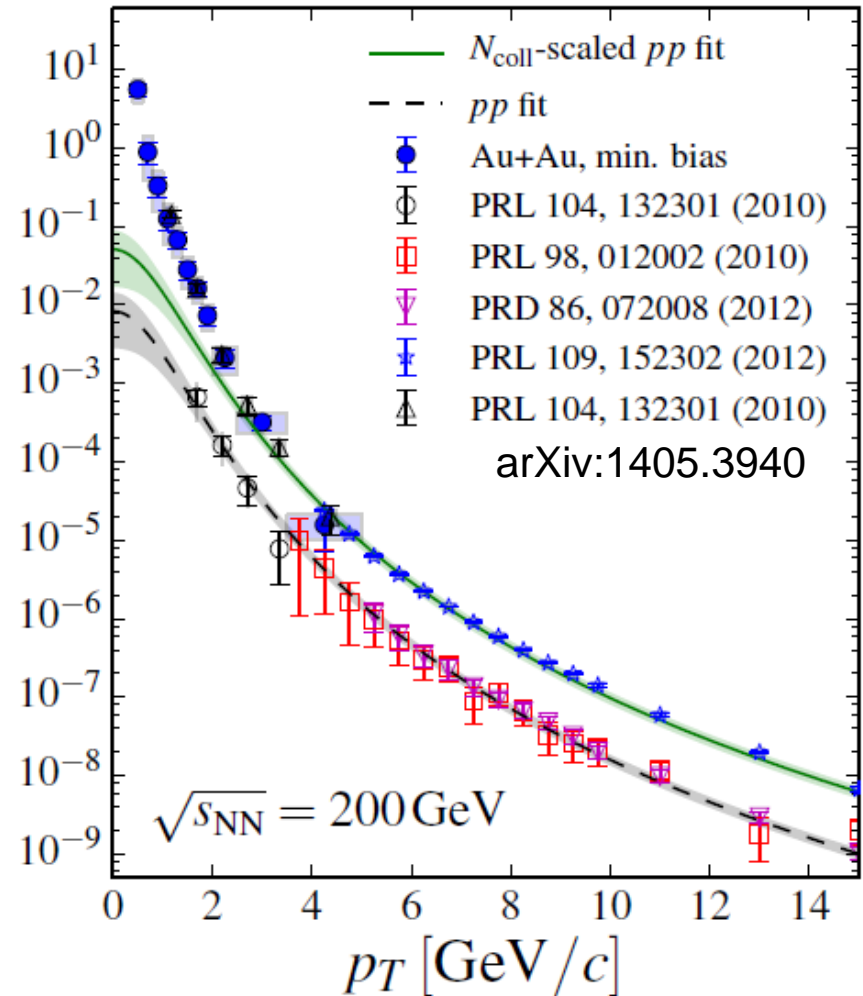
# PHENIX Direct Photons – QGP Shine

Photons emitted from high T fluid cells and Doppler blue shifted

## Temperature Profile + Velocity Vectors



$$\frac{1}{2\pi p_T} \frac{d^2N}{dp_T dy} [(\text{GeV}/c)^{-2}]$$



New spectra,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  of direct photons are a challenge for models of QGP to explain without stronger coupling near transition temperature

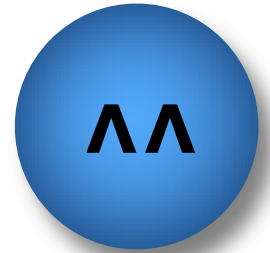
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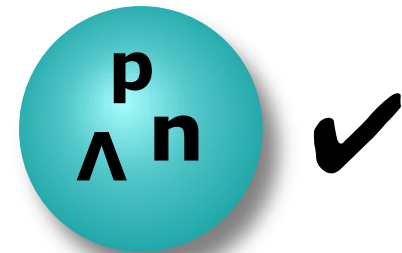
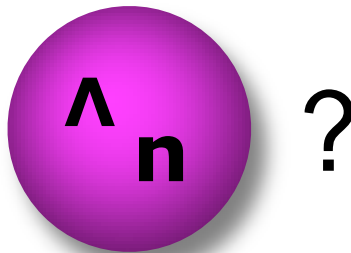
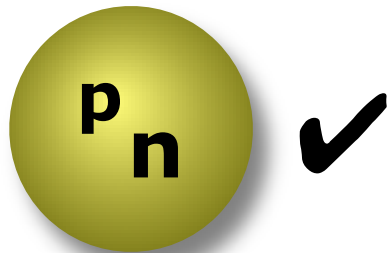
## H-dibaryon ( $uuddss$ ):

First predicted by Jaffe in a bag model calculation  
(Jaffe, PRL 38 (1977) 195)



Recent lattice calculations suggest bound state or a resonance close to the  $\Xi p$  threshold

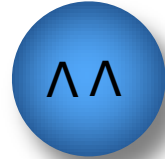
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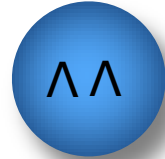
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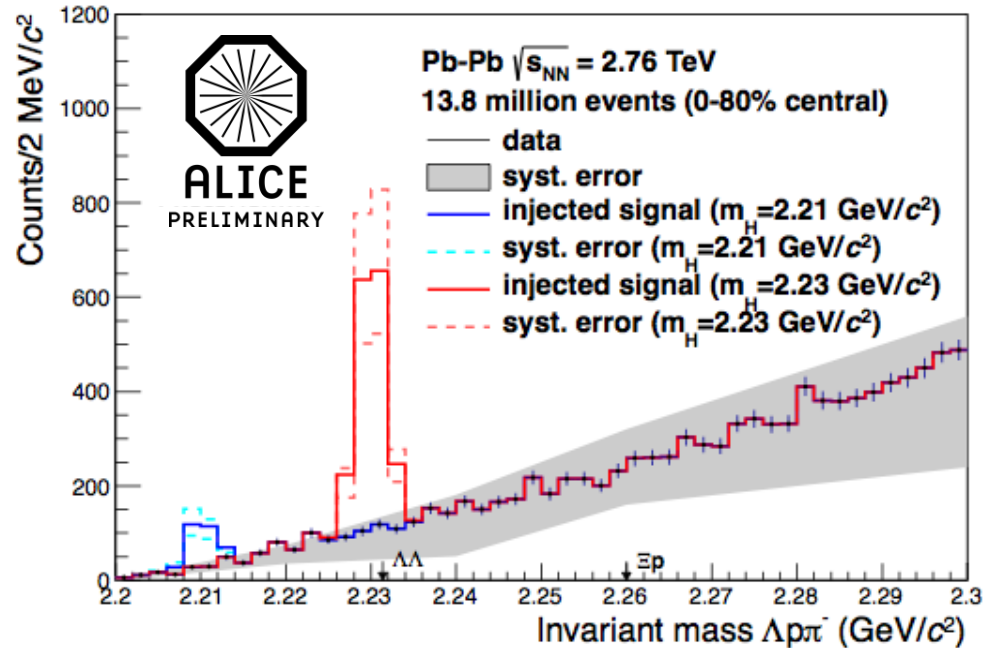
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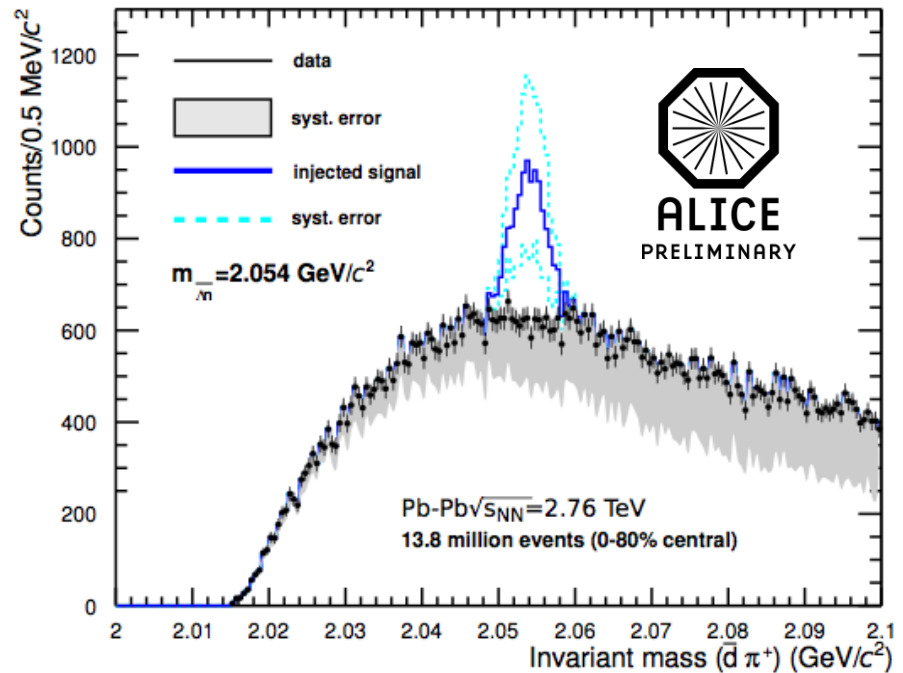
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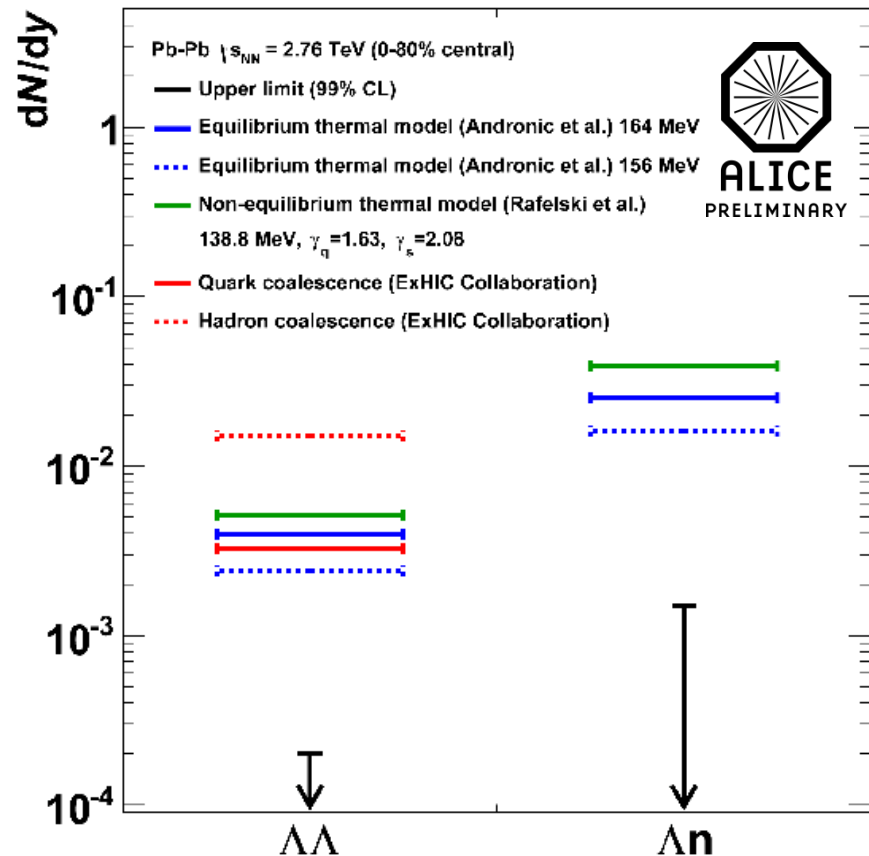
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# Comparison to models

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→ Existence of these particles with the assumed properties (BR, mass, lifetime) is questionable

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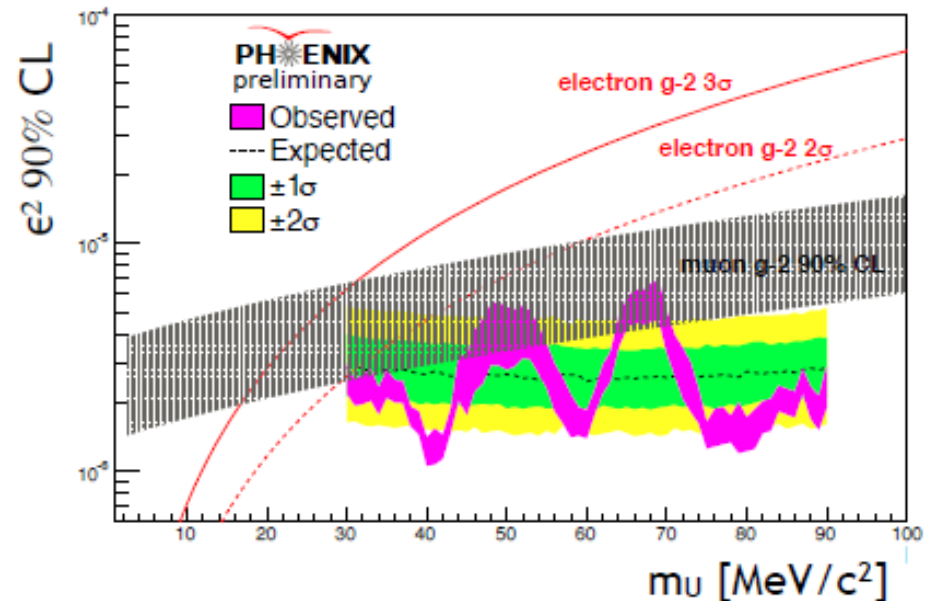
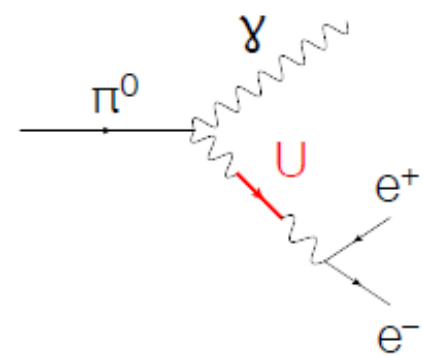
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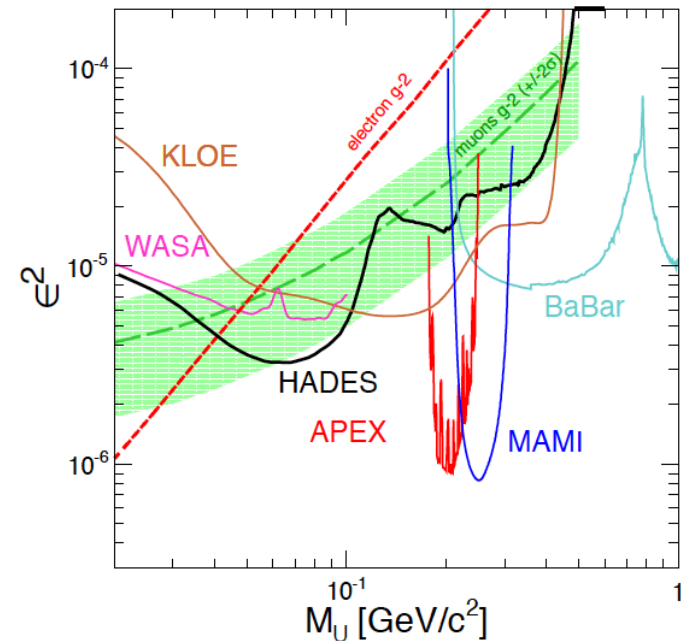
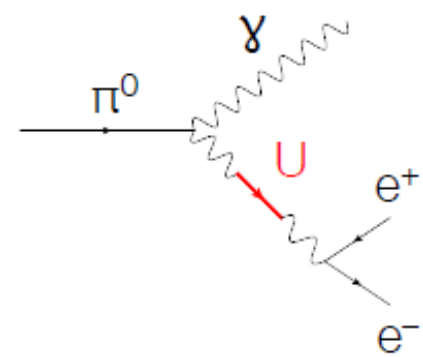
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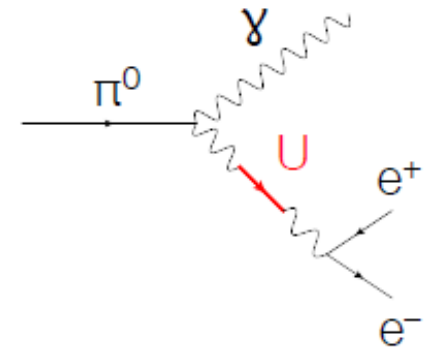


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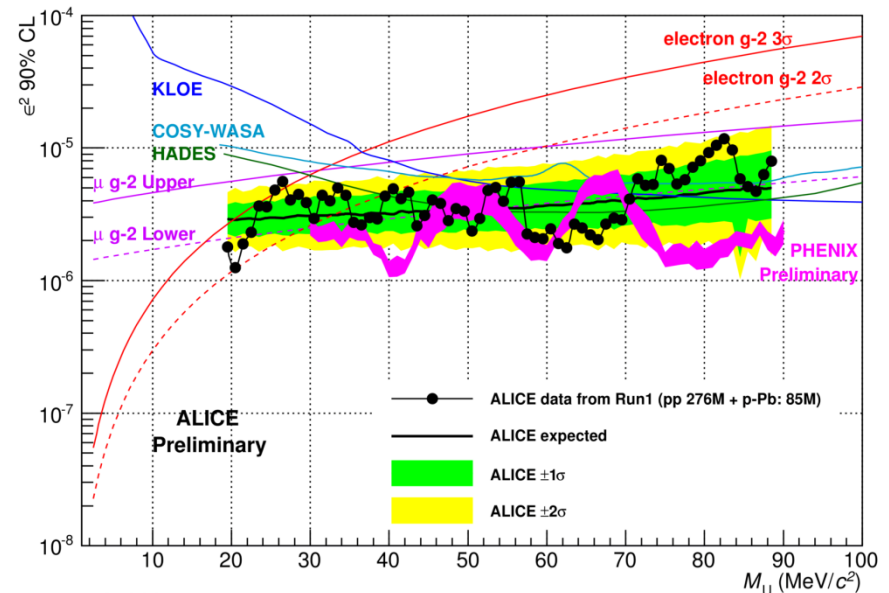
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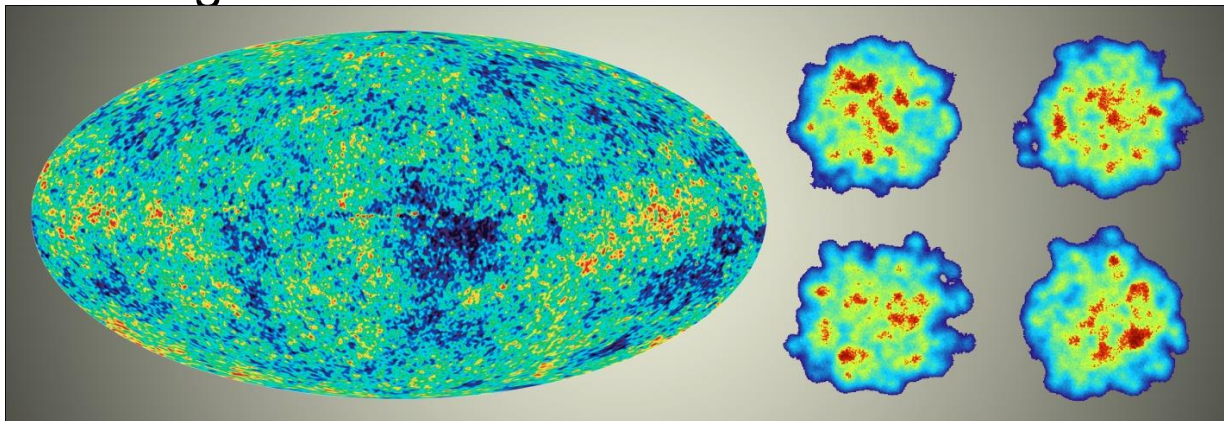
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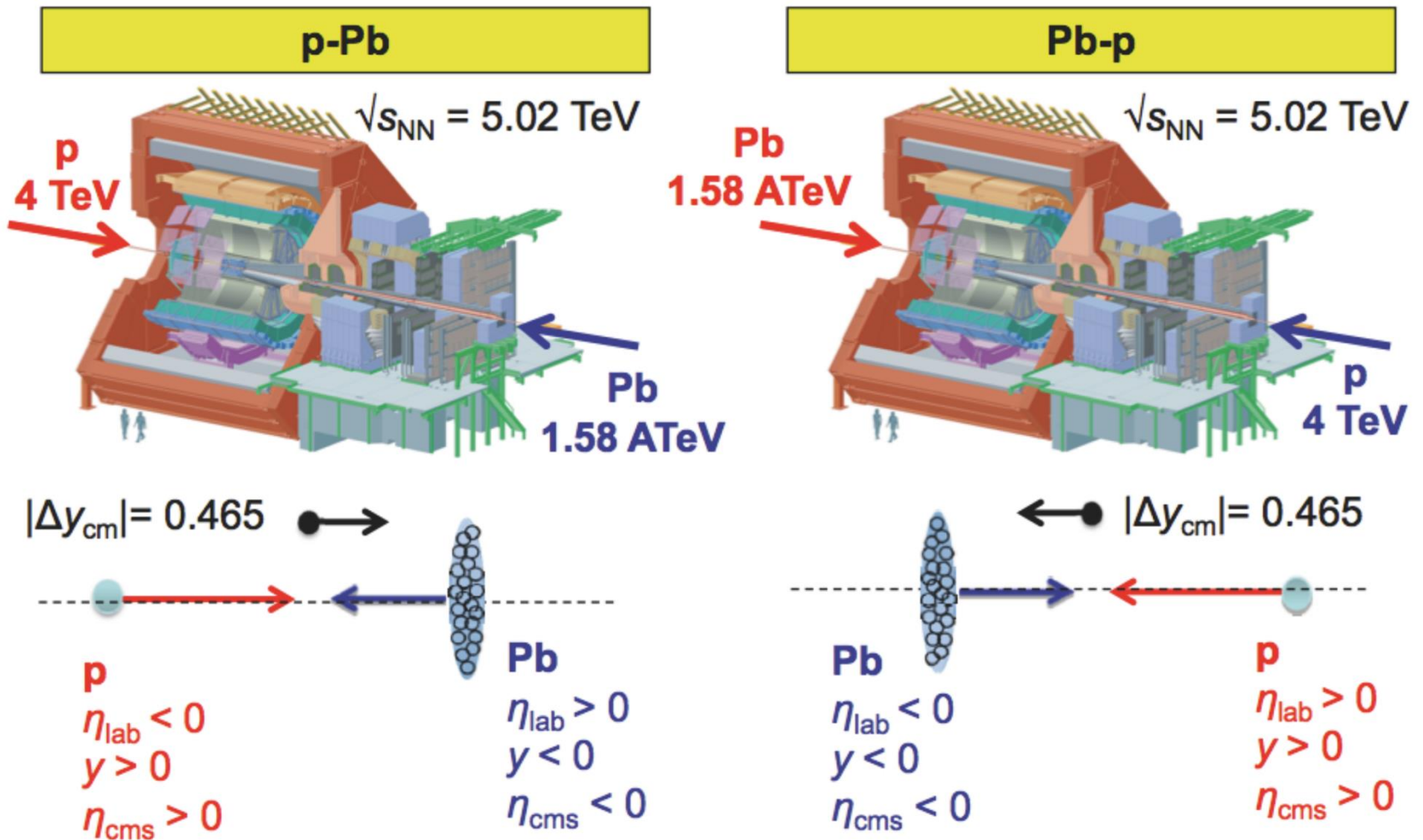
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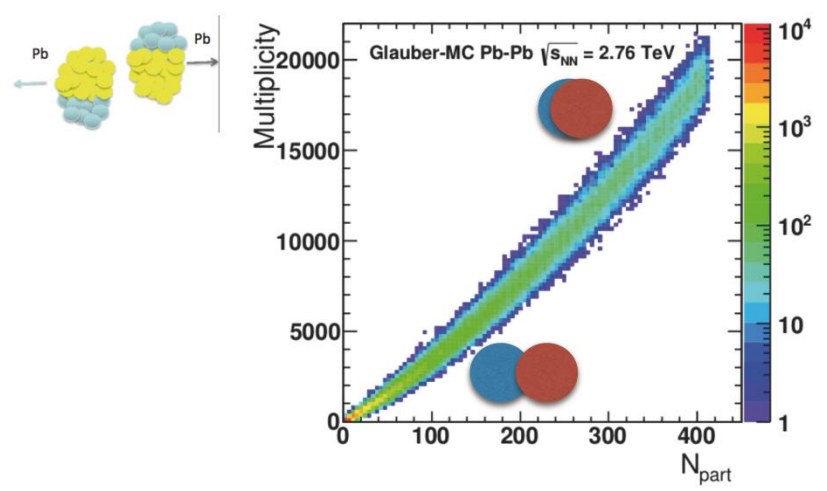
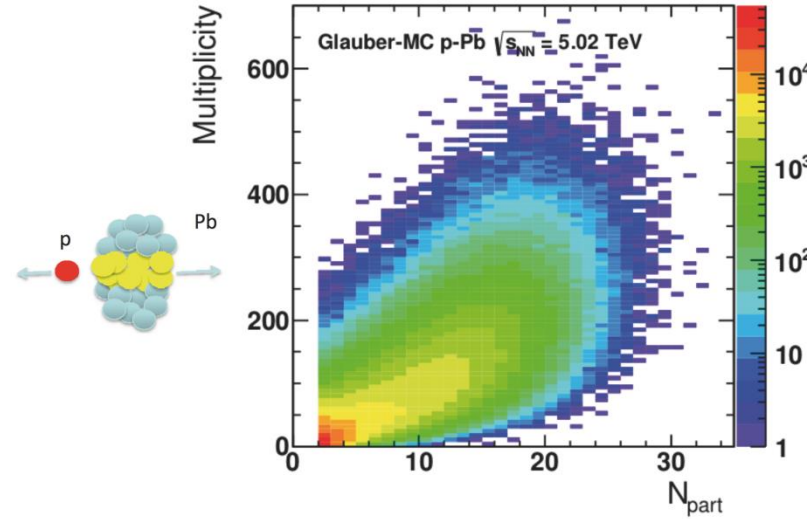


**the direction fo the proton is always at positive  $y \equiv y_{cms}$  and positive  $\eta_{cms}$**

# Centrality — Introduction

- In contrast to Pb-Pb collisions, it is not straightforward to relate experimental quantities to the collision geometry, i.e. the number of participants  $N_{\text{part}}$  and binary collisions  $N_{\text{coll}}$ .
  - in p-Pb collisions:  $N_{\text{coll}} = N_{\text{part}} - 1$
- Large biases present in the system:
  - Multiplicity fluctuations
  - Jet-veto bias
  - Geometric bias
- Most simple approach: only multiplicity classes instead of centrality, but more can be done...

Different experiments employ different approaches in order to deal with biases. One needs to be careful in comparisons.



# Centrality — ALICE

- Standard Glauber fit+event selection (a la AA) leads to results which depends on the  $\eta$ -region of the centrality estimator.
- Example  $Q_{pA}$  (not called  $R_{pA}$ , because collision geometry is not properly reflected):

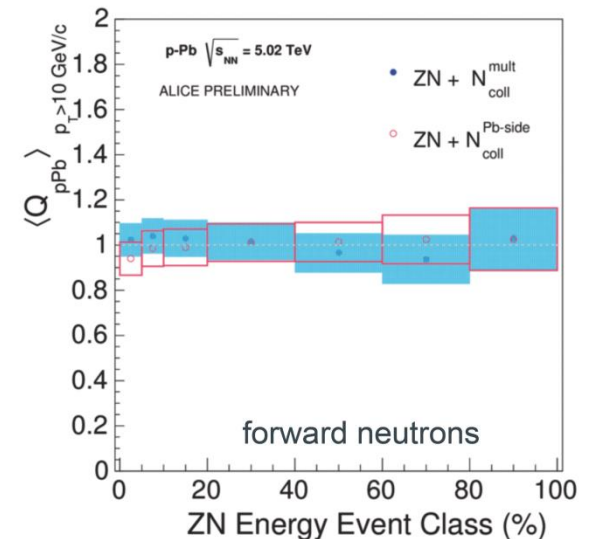
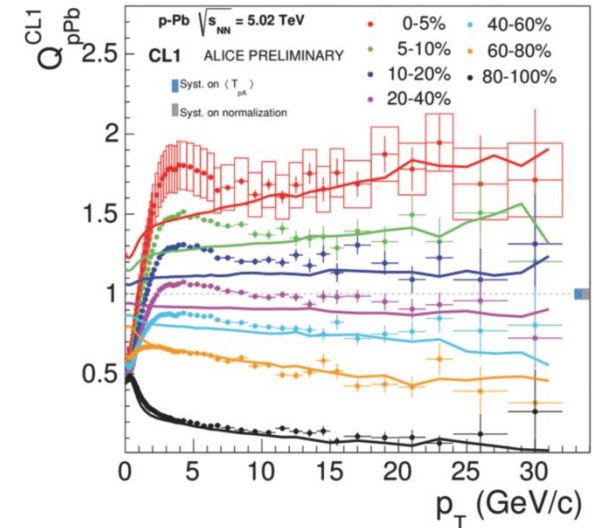
$$Q_{pA}^i = \frac{dN_{pA} / dp_T}{\langle N_{coll} \rangle_i dN_{pp} / dp_T}$$

- Forward neutrons (measured in Zero Degree calorimeter) cause no selection bias on mid-rapidity bulk production

-> used to bin events in classes

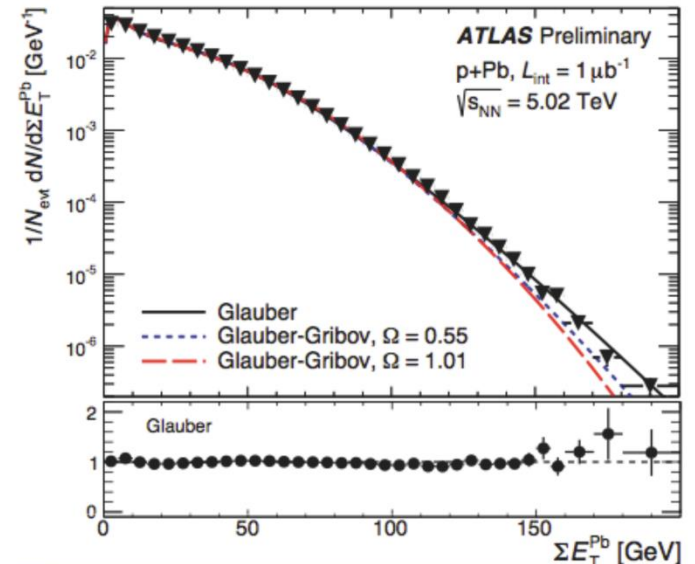
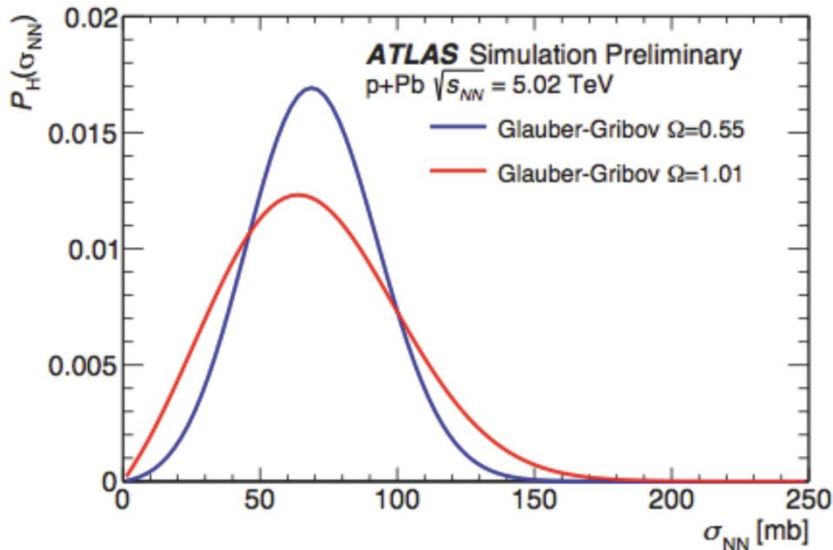
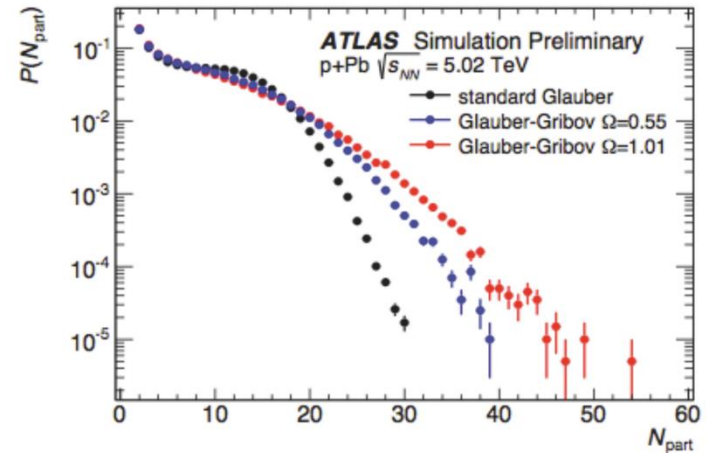
- Determine  $N_{coll}/N_{part}$  by assuming one out of:
  - Mid-rapidity  $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim N_{part}$
  - Forward  $dN_{ch}/d\eta \sim N_{part}^{Pb} = N_{part} - 1$
  - High  $p_T$  yield  $\sim N_{coll}$
- Methods reach consistent results:
  - $N_{coll}$  consistent within 5-10%
  - High  $p_T$   $Q_{pA}$  flat ( $> 10 \text{ GeV/c}$ )

Standard Glauber fit+event selection

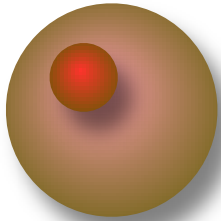


# Centrality — ATLAS

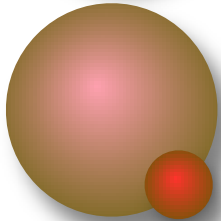
- A different approach is used:
  - The underlying model is changed from a Glauber model to a Glauber-Gribov.
- NN cross-section is subject to quantum fluctuations in the proton configuration (controlled by fluctuation parameter  $\Omega$ ).
- Model can be constrained by pp diffraction data.



# multiplicity classes in p-Pb



central



peripheral



Correlation between impact parameter and multiplicity is not as straight-forward as in Pb-Pb

Definition of seven multiplicity classes:  
→ slices in VZERO-A (V0A) amplitude

